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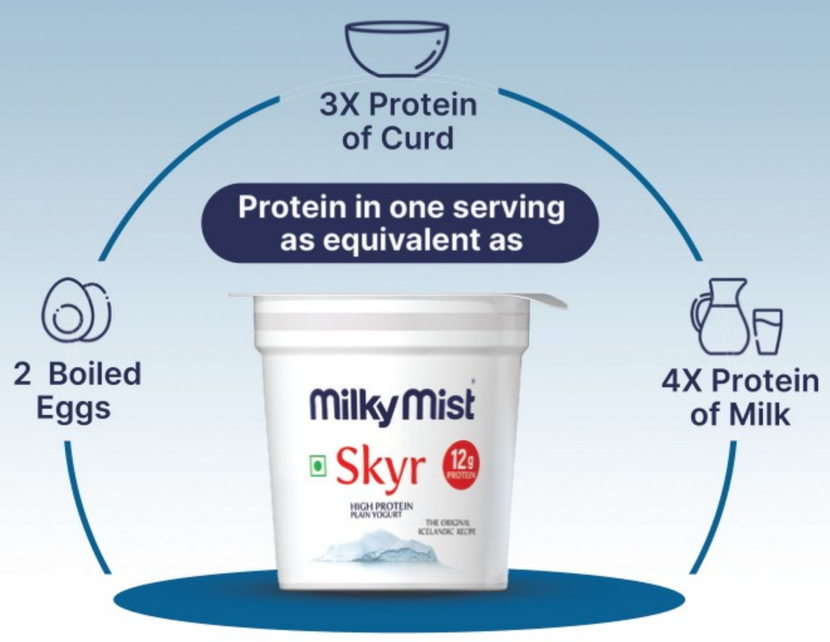

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Bihar polls Phase 2 today

The map shows the seats that will be voting during the second phase of the Bihar Assembly election. Counting will take place on November 14

- According to the EC, out of **3.70 crore voters in these seats**, over 60% of the electorate (2.28 crore) is aged between 30 and 60 years
- The second phase will decide the fate of **1,302** candidates across 20 districts
- Out of **122 seats**, **19** are reserved for Scheduled Castes (SC) and two for Scheduled Tribes (ST)

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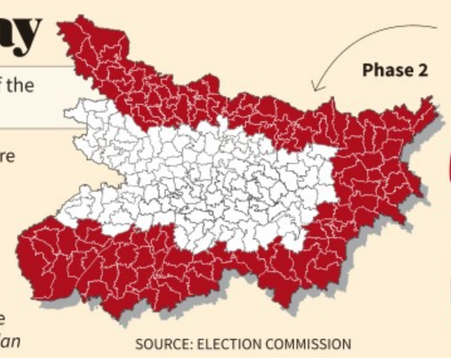

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High-intensity explosion in capital kills at least 9

Blast took place in a slow-moving vehicle outside Red Fort in Delhi; at least 20 persons injured and one person detained; nationwide alert sounded; 'all possibilities' being explored, says Amit Shah

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NEW DELHI

A high-intensity explosion in a slow-moving car outside the Red Fort in central Delhi left at least nine people dead and more than 20 injured on Monday, sparking a nationwide alert and a probe involving multiple agencies.

A person in whose name the car was registered was detained in Gurugram, Haryana.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah said "all possibilities" were being explored and a "thorough investigation will be conducted taking all options into account". He said the blast occurred in the car around 7 p.m., due to which vehicles near it were damaged and a few pedestrians injured.

"CCTV cameras in nearby areas are being scoured. We will share the details with the public," he said.

He later visited the Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Hospital where the injured were being treated. "We are investigating from all angles. Until samples recovered from the site are analysed by the Forensic Sciences Laboratory [FSL] and the National Security Guard [NSG], it is difficult to say anything. We do not rule out anything," Mr. Shah said.

On alert: Security personnel at the blast site in central Delhi on Monday. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

Severe impact

The impact of the blast was so severe that bodies were charred beyond recognition, with the explosion being heard around three km away.

Delhi Police Commissioner Satish Golcha said, "A slow-moving car stopped at the red light outside Red Fort around 6.52 p.m. The explosion happened in that vehicle, and due to the explosion, vehicles near it were also damaged. All agencies, Forensic Sciences, National Investigation Agency, are here. The situation is being monitored."

According to senior officials, the blast triggered a fire in several vehicles parked nearby, leading to casualties and chaos in the bustling area.

"Condolences to those who have lost their loved ones in the blast in Delhi earlier this evening. May the injured recover at the earliest," Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on X. "Those affected are being assisted by authorities. Reviewed the situation with Home Minister Amit Shah Ji and other officials."

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Seven held in crackdown by J&K Police on terror module

Vijaita Singh
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The Jammu and Kashmir Police have busted an "inter-State and transnational terror module", arrested seven people, and seized 2,900 kg of improvised explosive device (IED)-making material in the past 15 days, officials said on Monday.

A Srinagar-based police spokesperson said the terror module was linked to the Jaish-e-Mohammed and the Ansar Ghazwat-ul-Hind.

"The investigation has revealed a white collar terror ecosystem involving radicalised professionals and students in contact with foreign handlers operating from Pakistan and other countries," the spokesperson said.

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India and China have goodwill towards us, says Sri Lankan PM

Meera Srinivasan
COLOMBO

India and China have shown enormous goodwill towards Sri Lanka and recognise the island nation as an important partner, Prime Minister Harini Amarasuriya said.

In an interview to *The Hindu* marking one year of the National People's Power (NPP) government, she said that bringing stability and fostering a new political culture were the government's biggest successes, even as taking the state machinery along remained a challenge.

On the ongoing IMF programme and the hardships facing ordinary Sri Lankans since the economic crash three years ago, she said the government could not renegotiate the entire agreement due to the risk of chaos and destabilisation, but had managed to revise certain aspects.

Harini Amarasuriya

Weighing in on justice and reconciliation for war-affected Tamils, she stressed the importance of a "home-grown process", rooted in trust-building, to address wartime human rights violations.

While economic stability remains a priority the government is also committed to introducing a new Constitution through "a consultative approach", Ms. Amarasuriya added.

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State records 24% drop in maternal deaths

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Karnataka has recorded a 24% reduction in maternal deaths this year compared to the corresponding period in 2024. While 483 maternal deaths were reported in the first 10 months of 2024, the number reduced to 366. » PAGE 6

SOS buttons in aggregator apps to be linked to police command centre

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The city police have directed cab and autorickshaw aggregator apps to integrate the feed of their SOS buttons into the city police's command centre so that they could respond immediately.

This was revealed by Bengaluru City Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh during #THTalksBengaluru, *The Hindu*'s interactive programme, where he answered readers' questions on Monday.

"Presently, if a passenger is in trouble and presses the SoS button, it sends an alert to the aggregator, who will have to eventually alert us. Instead, we have asked them to tweak their apps in collaboration with our technology partners to ensure any passenger pressing an SOS button will send an alarm to our command centre as well. This way, we do not waste time," Mr. Singh said.

Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh at *The Hindu*'s interactive programme, on Monday. ALLEN EGENUSE J.

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He said that the police would soon mandate a sticker with the police helpline 112 and a QR code to take them to the KSP app.

"By logging into the app, the passenger can come on a video call with a responder at the command centre. In some situations, the passengers may not be in a position to even speak. Even then, we will get to know of the environment and the threat faced by the passenger," Mr. Singh said.

These stickers will have to be stuck behind the front seats in both cabs and autorickshaws, he said.

Meanwhile, the Bengaluru Traffic Police are also working to integrate 'No parking zones' across the city into the cab and autorickshaw aggregator apps.

"When this is done, a driver is sent an alert when he is parking in a 'No parking zone'. The traffic police will also get an alert if a cab is parked in such a zone," he said.

"We have met with representatives of the aggregator platforms, and they have agreed for these integrations with their platforms," Mr. Singh added.

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Prison row: Chief Superintendent of Prisons shifted, two others suspended

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Following allegations of "VIP treatment" being extended to some inmates at the Parappana Agrahara Central Prison, the State government on Monday ransferred Chief Superintendent of Prisons K. Suresh, while two junior officials were suspended.

While K. Suresh has been transferred, two officials have also faced action

Home Minister G. Parameshwara announced that for the first time, the Bengaluru Central Jail would be overseen by an IPS officer to ensure strict supervision and accountability.

Anshu Kumar, Superintendent of Police, Prisons, was transferred and posted with immediate effect as Chief Superintendent of Prison, Central Prison, Parappana Agrahara, Bengaluru, until further orders. He replaces K. Suresh.

Official notification

According to the official notification, the post of Chief Superintendent of Prison, Central Prison, Parappana Agrahara, Bengaluru, has been declared equivalent in status and responsibilities to the cadre post of Superintendent of Police, Mandya, under Rule 12 of the IPS (Pay) Rules, 2016.

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A Stead-y hand in the quest to revitalise Andhra

The former NZ head coach emphasises on overall performances rather than titles; he is excited about his new challenge, is also confident of more foreign coaches playing a role in domestic cricket

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Anirudh Velamuri

Andhra has enjoyed a positive run in the Ranji Trophy's ongoing season so far. After draws with Uttar Pradesh and Baroda, the side pummelled Odisha, winning by an innings and 50 runs.

But, the best was yet to come. An emphatic four-wicket win against Tamil Nadu where Andhra wrapped the game up in three days has the domestic ecosystem talking about one unit needing some long-pending introspection while another seems to be heralding a new dawn.

Andhra's rise has been slow but steady. Putting the blocks together is newly-appointed head coach Gary Stead. Funnily, if both he and the Andhra Cricket Association had their ways, this partnership wouldn't have happened at all.

Stead initially wanted to continue as New Zealand's Test coach, which New Zealand Cricket was not keen on. It named Rob Walter as his successor across formats, pushing him to look for new opportunities.

"I had seven years with the Black Caps and made a decision that I wasn't going to continue in all formats of the game. New Zealand cricket then decided that they wanted a coach to do it all. So it worked out that my time was up, but I was okay with that and understood that it might be that way," he told *The Hindu*.

Stead stayed with coaching, helping Otago, a team based in the country's south. He stepped in to help the side while they hunted for a full-time head coach. It was then that the opportunity to coach Andhra was put before him.

"I got approached around August. I had an online meeting with a few people from the Andhra Cricket Association. We talked about the opportunities and we agreed that coaching the Ranji Trophy was something that they were prepared to take me on and I'm very grateful for that," he added.

Fortuitous partnership

The ACA wanted an Australian coach who turned down the association, but pointed them in Stead's direction instead.

"I wanted to bring someone serious from outside India. I was trying for a few people and one of them, who couldn't join us, suggested that Stead might be available. He gave us the lead and we immediately sent him a request," ACA secretary Sana Satish Babu told *The Hindu*.

"We had two calls to figure out plans and align our goals. That involved Girish Dongre (ACA CEO), too. He was convinced, but his only concern was wanting to go back home for Christmas. We were flexible and he was pleased," Satish said.

If the ACA ever had any doubts about how Stead would fit in, they would have been abated when Stead dove right into his meticulous homework done on the outfit and the setup, long before he was officially appointed.

"Gary took us by surprise. He has some friends in Mumbai, at Kolkata Knight Riders and other places. He took all the Andhra players' analysis from them, not only Ranji players but also the under-19 and under-23 players. He took all the analysis and studied them during the negotiation time. That pleasantly surprised us and showed us that he was not speaking with us out of formality."

For all the talk of Stead taking a 'step down' in his career, the excitement and eagerness in his voice about turning around Andhra's fortunes tell a different tale. "I love cricket in India. I love the way it's played and the difference in terms of pitches, compared to New Zealand. I thought this is a great way for me to get out of my comfort zone as well, because I've coached in New Zealand my whole life," Stead said.

He is confident that he will not be the last foreign coach to try his hand on the Indian domestic circuit, just as he is not the first to do so - the likes of Dav Whatmore, Michael Bevan, Intikhab Alam, Darren Holder and Alvin Kallicharan having produced varied results over the years.

The 53-year-old is also aware that he will have to adjust to his players as much as they are adjusting to his methods.

"This is an opportunity for me to grow. I'm coming into a different environment now, so as much as there are things that I think will work, I also have to adapt to the culture of the Indian people and the Andhra Cricket Association as well. It works both ways," he admitted.

"Coaching is about trying to get the best out of the players and help them develop. That is the same here as it was in New Zealand. I think the differences are obviously the cultural aspect, very different from the Western world that I lived in, compared to the Indian culture of cricket and how it's almost a religion here."

In a country teeming with talent and opportunities sparse to come by, Stead is aware of how important performances on the domestic front are for Indian cricketers.

"I think one of the tough things for an Indian cricketer is actually getting noticed, and being noticed by the right people. There are so many good players here and that's just a population thing as well. I'm sure there are thousands of cricketers here who haven't been given an opportunity, who are outstanding cricketers and they haven't been noticed because they haven't been in the right place at the right time," he said.

Stead worked with a large squad of 31 before the Ranji Trophy's playing squad was announced, commuting between Visakhapatnam and Vizianagaram to stay on top of things.

"I think there's a good mix of different bowlers, different varieties, left-armers, right-armers, good pacers and spinners as well. And I think there are some really exciting batsmen as well. You know who the leaders of the group are: KS Bharat and Ricky Bhui, but I guess Shaikh Rasheed as well... he's recently been with the Rest of India XI, so they're probably the most well-known ones."

"But there are several guys who have played IPL: Prithvi Raj Yarra and Satyendra Raju for example. They have some experience at higher levels. We will be leaning on some of these characters this season," he added. Incidentally, Rashid and Prithvi Raj played crucial roles in Andhra's takedown of TN in Visakhapatnam. Stead's long-term targets are all about overall improvement in performance, both for the team and for each player individually. Silverware would be a bonus, but not something he is necessarily targeting this season.

"I don't look at it like there's a whole lot of expectations from me. I know the team wants to improve on how they've done in the past and I want them to do as well as they can. My job is to try and help the team adapt, to understand what the situations are and then to give them the confidence to go out and attack the game," he stated.

Building a reputation

"I want all players to feel like they're improving their games. I want Andhra to start being talked about by other teams as a team that is very, very good. If results come our way, well and good. You obviously have some big states here in India that have done well in the past, your Mumbais, Karnatakas etc. I see no reason why Andhra can't be talked about in the same breath and that's what I'd like to get in the long run for this team."

Conversations with players in the Andhra Ranji team shed some light on how Stead likes to operate. His emphasis is on the team doing well, with individual performances not being judged purely by statistics. He has repeatedly spoken to his bowling unit about hunting in packs, explaining that the pressure built by a pair could bear fruit for those who follow.

In his quest to change Andhra's fortunes, Stead has put in rules to ensure that nothing derails his plans, including injuries and suspensions.

"Fifteen people will go for Ranji matches. There are five standbys. He said every other player should be in the Vizianagaram camp. He has given our coaches the agenda for the upcoming weeks. He said that if one selected player is unavailable, for whatever reason, he wants to pick someone who is in the camp, not a player who is sitting at home relaxing," Satish revealed. Stead has also worked with coaches back in New Zealand as coach development manager and sees value in transferring those experiences here too.

"I was still playing at the time, so I guess I tried to bring a number of current happenings which was going on in the First Class scene in New Zealand and make sure our coaches were up to speed with the current game as well. There'd been a bit of a gap at New Zealand Cricket for a while around their Level 3 course, so I helped to redevelop that and, I guess, bring in a little bit more professionalism along with some ideas, not necessarily about playing the game, but around the game as well, planning, periodisation, coaching process, things like that. So that was interesting."

Meanwhile, Stead - whose heart still beats for the Kiwi cricket ecosystem - has found a way to stay connected to the workings of the sport back home. In September, he was signed on as a high-performance coach tasked with supporting player and coach development and overseeing high-performance programmes within the ambit of New Zealand Cricket.

The 'part-time' gig, as he calls it, will let him continue to contribute to the cricket ecosystem in his country and not something that will require him to divide his attention and resources between two entities. "My new role is a part-time thing. I'm there to help support the first-class players and coaches when I'm back in New Zealand, but also to probably oversee the New Zealand A program a little bit more and the players that are coming in," he explained.

"That could be across men and women as well. It's exciting for me that there is still that opportunity to give back to New Zealand. It's been a huge part of my life for the last 30 years, when you consider coaching and playing. To be able to still have a connection there is great for me."

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K-RERA declares BDA a 'promoter'

BDA seeks exemption from RERA jurisdiction, saying that applying RERA to its scheme would disrupt its statutory duties

The Hindu Bureau
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In a landmark ruling, the Karnataka Real Estate Regulatory Authority (K-RERA) has held that the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) is a 'promoter' under the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016 (RERA).

In a case against them, the BDA had sought exemption from the jurisdiction of the RERA contending that applying the RERA to its schemes would disrupt its statutory duties and financial structure. But the K-RERA dismissed the plea.

Further, the authority directed the BDA to register its flagship Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout (NPKL) as a real estate project within two weeks. The authority directed the BDA to upload all project-related documents, including sanctioned plans, layout approvals, progress reports, and financial disclosures, and refrain from any sale, marketing, or creation of third-party interests in the layout until registration is complete. The K-RERA also granted the BDA three weeks to explain why penalty proceedings under Section 59(1) should not be initiated for violation of Section 3 of the Act, which mandates project registration before advertisement or sale.

The Bangalore Development Authority has claimed that layout formation and site allotment are part of planned city development and public welfare functions, not commercial real estate activities, and therefore outside the scope of RERA. FILE PHOTO

BDA argues that it is a statutory authority constituted under the Bangalore Development Authority Act, 1976, which governs urban planning and land development within the city

The Full Bench of the K-RERA, comprising Chairman Rakesh Singh and member G.R. Reddy, delivered the order on November 7, while hearing a batch of complaints filed by allottees alleging serious breaches by the BDA in the development and allotment of sites under the NPKL scheme. The complainants, led by Ramachandra Nayak and others, accused the BDA of violating multiple provisions of the RERA Act. They alleged that although the BDA had collected full or substantial payments from allottees between 2015 and 2016, it failed to complete essential infrastructure such as roads, water supply, sewerage, electricity, and parks, rendering the layout uninhabitable. The complainants further stated that despite these lapses, the BDA continued to invite applications for additional sites and levied arbitrary penalties and interest on allottees for delayed payments. They argued that the BDA's conduct squarely fell within the purview of the RERA and that the authority's non-registration of the project was unlawful.

BDA's defence

In its defence, the BDA argued that it is a statutory authority constituted under the Bangalore Development Authority Act, 1976, which governs urban planning and land development within the city.

The authority claimed that layout formation and site allotment were part of planned city development and public welfare functions, not commercial real estate activities, and therefore outside the scope of the RERA.

The BDA maintained that the relationship between the authority and allottees was governed by the BDA (Allotment of Sites) Rules, 1984, and that disputes should be resolved under those rules. It also contended that applying the RERA to its schemes would disrupt its statutory duties and financial structure, as funds from site allotments were used for citywide development and not confined to a single project.

K-RERA's findings

However, the K-RERA rejected the BDA's arguments in totality. The authority held that the definition of 'promoter' under Section 2(zk) of the RERA Act explicitly includes any development authority or public body that develops and sells plots or apartments to the public.

Citing a 2019 clarification from the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs which included the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) under the same definition, the K-RERA ruled that the BDA clearly falls within the scope of a promoter.

The authority clarified that the RERA applies even to government agencies when they engage in real estate transactions. "The purpose of the RERA is transparency, accountability, and consumer protection and not profit control," the order stated. "Even welfare or non-profit schemes are subject to the RERA when plots or flats are sold to the public."

High-powered committee formed to review functioning of prisons in State

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A high-powered committee has been constituted to review the functioning, administration, and security of prisons across Karnataka, following reports of illegal activities and preferential treatment at the Parappana Agrahara Central Prison.

Home Minister G. Parameshwara, addressing the media after a review meeting with senior officials of the Department of Prisons and Correctional Services on Monday, clarified that some of the videos showing irregularities inside the jail were recorded in 2023, while only a few were recent.

"We have examined who were in charge during those times and have sought explanations," he said. Elaborating on the action taken, Dr. Parameshwara said that the high-powered committee would be led by Additional Director-General of Police (Law and Order) Hitendra, with Inspector-General of Police Sandeep Patil, Superintendents of Police Amarnath Reddy and Rishyanth, as members.

Deputy Commissioners and Superintendents of Police of respective districts will serve as associate members.

The committee has been tasked with inspecting all prisons in the State, not just Parappana Agrahara, and submitting a comprehensive report within a month. "Based on the committee's findings, strict action will be taken against all officials found responsible – including suspension or dismissal," the Minister said. The committee's terms of reference include examining lapses such as malfunctioning CCTV cameras and other security failures. The report will be made public.

G. Parameshwara.

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Dr. Parameshwara announced that all prisons in the State would be linked to a central command center at the Prisons Headquarters to monitor CCTV footage in real time. The system will be overseen by senior officers, including the DG and ADGP (Prisons).

Technical audits will also be conducted across all prisons to assess CCTV cameras and other security systems. A special technical team will address network issues in areas where mobile phone signals are still available inside prisons despite jammers being installed. "The goal is to ensure that no mobile phone works once it is brought inside the prison," he said. He announced that the government would double the number of technical devices, including baggage scanners, and has already approved ₹2 crore for new CCTV installations and ₹15 crore for erecting 10 new signal-blocking towers. Tenders for the same would be floated soon.

Transfers

In addition, all prison officers who have served more than five years in the same post will be transferred immediately. To address staff shortages, the government has approved recruitment of 197 warders, 22 instructors, and three assistant superintendents. Proposals for 983 additional warders and 17 jailers are under consideration.

Strict accountability

The Minister warned that strict action would follow if similar lapses occured in the future. "Excuses about whether incidents are old or new will not be accepted. Whoever was on duty when the violations occurred will be held accountable," he said.

Supervisory officers will be held responsible for the conduct of their subordinates. All prison superintendents and officers must remain in direct contact with headquarters, and senior officials are required to visit prisons at least once or twice a month.

Exotic animals seized from Kerala couple at KIA

The Hindu Bureau
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The customs officials at the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) in Bengaluru intercepted a couple from Kerala arriving from Bangkok and seized several exotic wildlife species that were illegally brought into the country.

According to officials, the seized animals include a white-cheeked gibbon, a monkey, and four hornbills, and two Javan Myna.

The duo were caught while trying to get out of the airport with the check-in baggage in which they concealed the animals. They were supposed to hand over the baggage to contacts waiting outside the airport. The accused, identified as Manzoor Ali Thenethu Parambil and his wife Khairunneesa Kozhithodi, were arrested under provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, for illegal import and possession of protected species.

Officials said the duo are part of the international wildlife smuggling racket and working as mules for them. A probe is under way to trace the source of the animals and identify possible links to international wildlife trafficking networks. The rescued wildlife have been quarantined and will be deported back to Thailand.

Darshan's aide quizzed

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Continuing the probe into the leaked prison videos that showed alleged preferential treatment to some inmates, officials of the Central Crime Branch questioned Dhanveer Gowda, a close aide of arrested Kannada actor Darshan, on Monday. The questioning was carried out after the Parappana Agrahara police, based on a complaint filed by the prison authorities, registered an FIR to probe alleged irregularities and possible leaks of videos from inside the jail. Gowda was questioned to verify whether he was responsible for leaking the videos from the prison.

Man sets his bike on fire after failing to get loan for father's treatment

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 28-year-old man allegedly set his two-wheeler on fire in the middle of a road in Basaveshwaranagar on Sunday night after failing to secure a loan for his ailing father's treatment.

Medical expenses

Police said Yeshwanth, an employee at a private courier office, had been desperately trying to raise money for his father's medical expenses.

He had sought help from friends and even offered to mortgage his two-wheeler, but they refused to assist him. Yeshwanth later approached local moneylenders, who also declined to offer a loan, citing that his vehicle was already under finance.

Frustrated and dejected, Yeshwanth stopped his bike in the middle of the road, poured petrol over it, and set it ablaze to vent his anger. Passers-by, alarmed by the fire, alerted the police, who rushed to the spot, extinguished the flames, and detained Yeshwanth.

The police registered a case against him for creating public nuisance. He was arrested and was later released.

Salim Ali birth anniversary

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE) will celebrate the 129th birth anniversary of Salim Ali, ornithologist and naturalist, with a day-long event on November 12 on its campus in Srirampura, Jakkur Post, Bengaluru.

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कार्मिक,प्रशासनिक सुधार
तथा राजभाषा विभाग**

शुद्धि–पत्र

पी०आर०सं०–365429 दिनांक–07.11.2025 में कार्मिक, प्रशासनिक सुधार तथा राजभाषा विभाग के वेबसाईट **www.dop.jharkhand.gov.in** को **dop.jharkhand.gov.in** पढ़ा जाय।

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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice No. CAO/CN/BNC/155/2025
Dated : 04-11-2025
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following works.

Name of the Work	Approx. Value
Providing Project Management Services for Development of Vande Bharat Sleeper trains maintenance depot at Thanisandra Railway Station and Major upgradation of Tumakuru Railway Station through Engineering Procurement & Construction (EPC) Contracts. **(Tender Ref. No. PMS-TK-STN-DEV-VANDEBHRAT)**	Rs. 10,95,43,438/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 15:00 Hrs on 05-01-2026**
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Deputy Chief Engineer/Construction/ Works/Bengaluru Cantonment
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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice No. B/TRD.2025-26/24
Dated : 04-11-2025
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following works.

Name of the Work	Approx. Value
Modification of OHE due to shifting of points 63A & 63B with crossover with increase in length of 250m for RD-1 at Hirehalli Yard.	Rs. 82,96,920.37

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 15:00 Hrs on 26-11-2025**
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
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PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to notify for the general information to the public that, my client Mr. Youthesh Sagar s/o Somla Naik @ Govind Somla Naik, residing at No. 153, 3rd Block, 3rd Stage, 4th Main Road, Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore -560079 has entered into agreement to sell on 10-07-2025 with Mr. Arvind s/o Late Jayagopal R/o #57/14, 57th A Cross, 4th Block Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560010, in respect of property bearing Site No.804, measuring East-West: 9.00 Meters, North-South: 12.15 Meters, total 109.35 Sq. Meters, together with a residential building (Ground and First Floor), E-PID No. 9376776799, situated at 3rd Stage, 3rd Block, Basaveshwaranagar, BBMP Ward No.100, Bangalore, bounded by: East: Site No.804/A | West: Site No.803 | North: Road | South: Site No.815
Any person, group of persons, institution or authority claiming any right, title, interest, lien, charge, encumbrance, easementary right, tenancy, maintenance right, or any other claim whatsoever over the above said property is hereby called upon to lodge their objections/ claims, if any, along with documentary proof, before the undersigned within 7 (seven) days from the date of publication of this notice.
If no such claim is received within the stipulated period, it shall be presumed that there are no objections, claims or disputes over the said property, and my clients shall proceed to complete the transaction, obtain a registered sale deed, and have the property conveyed in favour my client or his nominee(s), free from all encumbrances.
Smt. Bharati Patil Advocate, Rajarajeshwarinagar Bangalore-98 Contact No.-9620489639.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice No. B/TRD.2025-26/25
Dated : 04.11.2025
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following works.

Name of the Work	Approx. Value
[i] OHE modification in connection with increasing of sectional speed from 110kmph to 130 kmph in Bengaluru - Jolarpettai section and removal of redundant mast/portal in Bengaluru Division. [ii] OHE modification in connection with proposed construction of RUB at trespassing location at km 339/300-400 between Hoodi Halt - Krishnarajapuram stations in Assistant Divisional Engineer/Bengaluru Sub-Division.	Rs. 1,23,73,500.54

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 15:00 Hrs on 26-11-2025**
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -2, BENGALURU
BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru - 560 001
WARRANT OF ATTACHMENT OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
(See Sec.25 to 28 of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rule 48 to 51 of the II Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1961)
RC No. 486/2020 IN OA No.1733/2018
Karnataka Grameena Bank, (e-Karnataka Gramin Bank) ...Certificate Holder Bank
V/s.
Sri. B. K. Mariyappa (Deceased) Rep by LR ...Certificate Debtor
To,
(CHB) (CH-1) Karnataka Grameena Bank, (e-Karnataka Gramin Bank) **Hosadurga Branch, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramnagara - Karnataka.** ...Certificate Holder / Applicant
To: (LR of CD1) Sri Gokul, S/o. Late B. K. Mariyappa, Bevanamara dadoddi Village, Kodihally Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagar Distirct ...Certificate Debtor
To :The Authorised Officer Karnataka Grameena Bank (eKarnataka Gramina Bank), Hosadurga Branch, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara Karnataka.
Whereas in execution of Recovery Certificate **RC No.486/2020** IN O.A. No: 1733/2018 drawn up by the Presiding Officer, DRT the certified Debetor is to pay a sum of Rs.19,79,041.00 (Rupees Nineteen Lakhs Seventy Nine Thousand, Forty One Only) along with interest as per Recovery Certificate from 12.11.2018 i.e., date of filing / with effective date of the OA No. 1733/2018 from the date of application till realization along with cost, expenses and future interest till the date of realization in full, personally from the Certificate Debtors mentioned above.
The outstanding liability as on 31.07.2025 is Rs.50,52,153/- (Rupees Fifty Lakhs Fifty Two thousand One Hundred and Fifty Three Only) as per affidavit filed by CHB vide doc. No. 11292/2025 dated 04.08.2025.
This is to command you to attach the immovable property of the said Certificate Debtors as set forth in the schedule hereunto annexed, or which shall be pointed out to you by the said Certificate and unless the said Certificate Debtors shall pay to you the above said sum as per R.C. and costs of this attachment, to hold the same until further orders from the Recovery Officer.
You are further commanded to return the warrant on or before **04.11.2025** with an endorsement certifying the day on which and the manner in which it has been executed, or why it has not been executed.
SCHEDULE B PROPERTY
Agricultural Land bearing:

Sl. No.	Sy.No.	Acres	Guntas	Bounded By	Location
1	15/P 15	02	00	East by :Govt. Halla West by: Byadara Tyhimmanna North by : B. Kariyappa South by : K.N. Jagannatha Rao	Hunasalnatha Village Kodihalli Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District
2	15/P 16	02	00	East by :Govt. Halla West by: Govt Land North by : Srikanta Rao South by : Jagannatha Rao	
3	15/P 17	02	00	East by :Govt. Halla West by: Govt Land North by : Jagannatha Rao South by : Govt Land	

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on **01.09.2025**
Sd/- Recovery Officer-2, DRT-2

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2,KARNATAKA
BSNL Builiding 4th Floor, Telephone House Rajbhavan Road Bangalore - 560001
NOTICE FOR SETTLING A SALE PROCLAMATION
(See Sec. 25 to 28 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act 1993 read II Scheduld to the Income Tax Act 1961).
RC No. 486/2020 IN OA No.1733/2018
Karnataka Grameena Bank, (e-Karnataka Gramin Bank) ...Certificate Holder Bank
V/s.
Sri. B. K. Mariyappa (Deceased) Rep by LR ...Certificate Debtor
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To: (LR of CD1) Sri Gokul, S/o. Late B. K. Mariyappa, Bevanamara daoddi Village, Kodihally Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagar Distirct ...Certificate Debtor
Whereas in execution of certificate **RC No.486/2020 IN O.A. No: 1733/2018** drawn up by the Presiding Officer, DRT, the certified Debetor is to pay a sum of Rs.19,79,041.00 (Rupees Nineteen Lakhs Seventy Nine Thousand, Forty One Only) along with interest as per Recovery Certificate from 12.11.2018 i.e., date of filing / with effective date of the OA No. 1733/2018 from the date of application till realization along with cost, expenses and future interest till the date of realization in full, personally from the Certificate Debtors mentioned above.
The outstanding liability as on 31.07.2025 is Rs.50,52,153/- (Rupees Fifty Lakhs Fifty Two thousand One Hundred and Fifty Three Only) as per affidavit filed by CHB vide doc. No. 11292/2025 dated 04.08.2025.
Moreover, you have not paid the said amount, the undersigned has ordered the sale of the undermentioned immovable properties against the above - mentioned affidavit filed b CHB. You are all hereby informed that the day on or after the 15th day from the date of service of this notice, has been fixed for drawing up the proclamation of sale and setting the terms thereof, you are requested to bring to the notice of the undersigned any encumbrances, charges, claims or liabilities attaching to the said properties or any portion thereof.
SCHEDULE B PROPERTY
Agricultural Land bearing:

Sl. No.	Sy.No.	Acres	Guntas	Bounded By	Location
1	15/P 15	02	00	East by :Govt. Halla West by: Byadara Tyhimmanna North by : B. Kariyappa South by : K.N. Jagannatha Rao	Hunasalnatha Village Kodihalli Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District
2	15/P 16	02	00	East by :Govt. Halla West by: Govt Land North by : Srikanta Rao South by : Jagannatha Rao	
3	15/P 17	02	00	East by :Govt. Halla West by: Govt Land North by : Jagannatha Rao South by : Govt Land	

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on **01.09.2025**
Sd/- Recovery Officer-2 DRT-2

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भारत सरकार का उपक्रम A Government of India Undertaking
CHAMRAJPET BRANCH
No 97, Mahaveer Arcade, Sirsi Road, Chamrajpet, Bangalore- 560018
Contact No: 8369269210; Mail ID: ubin0569216@unionbankofindia.bank
DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SEC.13(2)
The Borrower/s: Mr. Srinivas C V, No. 79, PID No. 37-40-79, Khatha No 63, VIP Khatha No 453/678, 3rd "A" Cross Road, SVG Nagar, Malagala Village, Moodalapalya, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru - 560079.
Notice under section 13(2) read with Section 13(3) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.
You the addressee No. 1 herein have availed the following credit facilities from our Chandra Layout Branch and failed to pay the dues/ instalment/ interest/ operate the accounts satisfactorily and hence, in terms of the RBI guidelines as to the income Recognition and prudential norms, your account/s has/have been classified as Non-performing Asset as on 29/10/2025. As on 30/10/2025, a sum of **Rs.71,84,642.70 (Rupees Seventy-One Lakh Eighty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Forty Two and Paise Seventy Only)** + further interest and charges at the contractual rate + incidental charges+ out of pocket expenses is outstanding in your account/s.
The particulars of amount due to the Bank from No. 1 of your in respect of the aforesaid account/s are as under:

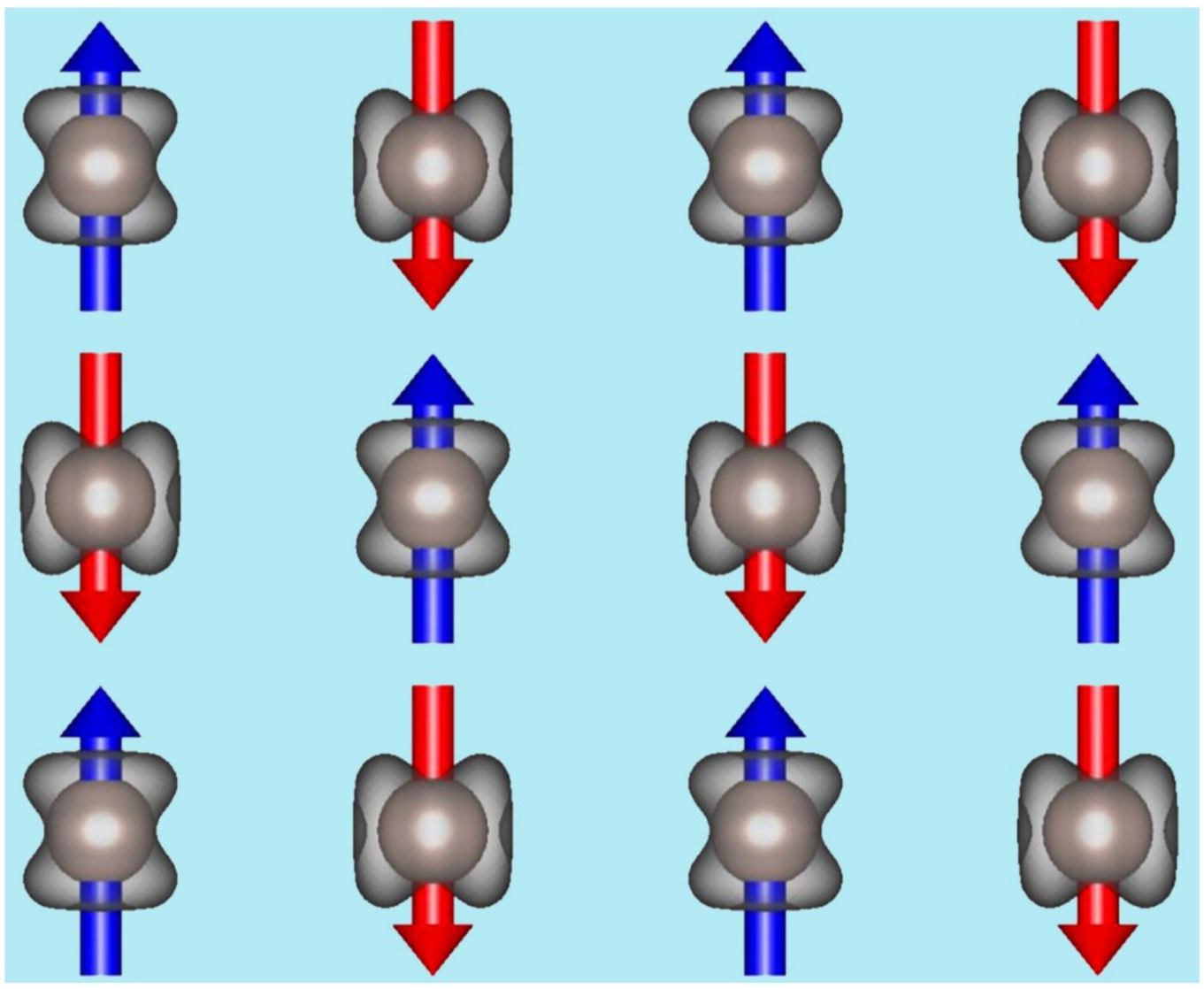
Type of Facility	Outstanding amount as on date of NPA i.e. as on 29.10.2025	Un applied interest as on 30.10.2025	Penal interest (Simple)	Cost / Charges incurred by Bank	Total dues (in Rs.)
Union Home Loan 692106650000124	69,82,182.55	2,02,460.15	-----	-----	71,84,642.70
TOTAL					**71,84,642.70**

To secure the repayment of the monies due or the monies that may become due to the Bank, **Srinivas C.V** had executed documents on **05.03.2020** and created security interest by way of mortgage of immovable property described herein below:
DESCRIPTION OF THE SECURED ASSET/s:
(Description of Immovable property)
All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing No 79, PID No. 37-40-79, Khatha No 63, (Old VIP Khatha No. 453/678, situated at Malagala Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Presently come under the BBMP Bangalore Ward No. 37, Measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet Totally measuring 1200 sq ft and Three storied residential building measuring total built up are of 2632.51 sf ft and bounded on the: **East By:** Property belongs to Original Owner; **West By:** Property belongs to Saraswathamma; **North By:** Property belongs to Narayanappa; **South By:** Road.
Therefore you are hereby called upon in terms of Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, to pay a sum of **Rs 71,84,642.70 (Rupees Seventy-One Lakh Eighty Four Thousand Six Hundred Forty Two and Paise Seventy Only)** together with further interest and charges at the contractual rate + incidental charges+ out of pocket expenses as per the terms and conditions of loan documents executed by you and discharge your liabilities in full within 60 days from the date of receipt of this notice, failing which, we shall be constrained to enforce the aforesaid securities by exercising any or all of the rights given under the said Act.
As per section 13(13) of the Act, on receipt of this notice you are restrained prevented from disposing of or dealing with the above securities without the consent of the bank.
Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section(8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.
Date: 11.11.2025
Place: Bangalore
Sd/- Authorised Officer
Union Bank of India

Textbook update due? Altermagnetism emerges as new class of magnetic order

The discovery of altermagnetism as a distinct form of magnetism represents a step forward in physicists' understanding of the magnetic world; it adds an option to ferromagnetism and antiferromagnetism, introducing a well-defined magnetic phase with a distinctive combination of properties

Vasudevan Mukunth



In altermagnetic materials, atoms form a regular pattern with their spin and spatial orientation alternating on the neighbouring magnetic sites in the crystal. LIBOR ŠMEJKAL (CC BY-SA)

For well over a century, our understanding of the magnetic world had been neatly compartmentalised into two categories: ferromagnetism and antiferromagnetism. Ferromagnetism, which is the familiar force that pins a souvenir magnet to a refrigerator door, arises because many small, atom-scale magnetic moments are aligned in parallel, creating a strong, external magnetic field. Antiferromagnetism, its more elusive counterpart, features alternating magnetic moments that cancel each other out, resulting in no net external magnetic field.

This simple dichotomy provided the foundation for countless technological advances, including most famously the hard disk drive. However, in recent years, researchers have identified a third and distinct form of magnetism that extends beyond this longstanding binary classification. Scientists call it altermagnetism. First formulated around 2019 and supported by important experiments in 2024, altermagnetism is drawing strong interest for possible applications in spintronics and quantum technologies.

Complex world

You can think of altermagnetism as a third kind of magnetism in which rotating or mirror-flipping the crystal pattern matches sites in cancelling pairs, leaving no net magnetisation – thus bridging the gap between its two well-known magnetic cousins. At a macroscopic level, altermagnetic materials behave like antiferromagnets. Their neighbouring magnetic moments are antiparallel (meaning if one moment is pointing 'up', its neighbour is pointing 'down') – and they're arranged in a way that their individual magnetic fields cancel each other out. As a result, an altermagnet, much like an antiferromagnet, produces no external magnetic field. This property makes an altermagnet less susceptible to external magnetic disturbances and prevents interference between closely packed components in electronic devices.

This absence of a net magnetic moment is a crucial feature because it could enable a new generation of dense and stable technologies. Yet beneath this magnetically silent exterior lies a world of surprising complexity. While their external magnetic presence is nullified, altermagnets possess an internal electronic structure that is reminiscent of ferromagnets. This duality is the cornerstone of their potential and what sets them apart as a new class of magnetic order.

The secret to this seemingly paradoxical behaviour lies in the interplay of the material's crystal structure and the spin of its electrons. An electron's spin is an intrinsic quantum property, just like its charge. Because the electron is a charged particle, this intrinsic spin causes it to act like a small magnet. The magnetic moment is the term for that resulting magnetism: it quantifies the strength and direction of the magnetic field generated by the electron's spin.

In conventional antiferromagnets, the oppositely aligned spins are typically related by simple symmetry operations like inversion or translation. This pattern often forces 'spin up' and 'spin down' electrons to have the same energy in many directions.

Spin up, spin down

In fact, to really appreciate the novelty of altermagnetism, it's important to visualise the arrangement of atoms within these materials. Imagine a crystal as a perfectly ordered, three-dimensional wallpaper pattern, where each repeating element is an atom. In conventional antiferromagnets, the relationship between an atom with an upward-pointing magnetic moment ('spin up') and its neighbor with a downward-pointing moment ('spin down') is typically straightforward. One can be transformed into the other by a simple shift, known as a translation – like moving from one identical flower to the next on a wallpaper roll.

However, the atomic arrangement in altermagnets follows a different rule. Here, the atoms with opposing magnetic spins are connected by more complex symmetry operations, such as being rotated into place or reflected across a mirror plane. In simple terms, instead of a shift, a turn or a mirror-flip would map a "spin up" site to a "spin down" site. (Here, "operations" just means simple moves you can perform on the crystal, like shift it, turn it around, flip it in a mirror, or reversing time, that line up one part of the pattern with another and

Hard disk drives store data in a thin ferromagnetic layer on the platters, where small domains are magnetised one way or the other to encode bits. The write head, an electromagnet, flips these domains while the read head detects their magnetic orientation. WILLIAM WARBY/UNSPLASH

determine what the electrons are allowed to do.)

This arrangement achieves two seemingly contradictory goals. First, it preserves the overall magnetic neutrality that's characteristic of antiferromagnets. Because the rotation or reflection is part of the repeating crystal pattern, for every 'spin up' magnetic moment, there's a matching 'spin down' moment. When viewed from the outside, these opposing moments cancel, so there is no net external magnetic field. On the other hand, the same "twist" in the pattern creates an unusual setting for the electrons moving in the material.

To understand this, think of the allowed energy levels for electrons in a solid not as a simple ladder, but as broad energy highways, known as electronic bands. In many materials, up-spin and down-spin electrons are like the same kind of car and can use the same lanes. In an altermagnet, the crystal rules act like special traffic rules. For electrons moving in some directions, the highway splits into two lanes at slightly different heights: one lane mainly for up-spin, the other for down-spin. This split is called spin-splitting. It means one spin can move a bit more easily than the other – a feature long associated with ferromagnets.

This effect also lets altermagnets carry spin-polarised currents, where most moving electrons share the same spin. The important point is that the crystal's turns or mirror-flips let bands split by spin even though the overall magnet cancels to zero. And the ability to guide spin without making stray magnetic fields is an appealing idea in magnetism and spintronics.

Close encounters

The journey to show altermagnetism in the lab needed new tools. Since altermagnets don't make an external magnetic field, traditional magnetometers are not the best way to see them. Instead, scientists used methods that look straight at the electrons' energies and patterns. One important step came in early 2024 with manganese telluride (MnTe), once treated as a standard antiferromagnet. Using angle-resolved photoemission

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spectroscopy (ARPES) – which shines light on a surface and measures the energies of electrons that come out – researchers saw the expected spin-splitting of the bands. This supported the existence of altermagnetism. Further work with X-ray magnetic dichroism, an X-ray method that changes with magnetic direction, imaged tiny magnetic patterns and showed they can be formed in thin films on purpose.

Studies published on November 6 proposed two new ways to probe the hidden magnetic structure of altermagnets using circularly polarised X-rays. The techniques are predicted to distinguish the two distinct groups of atoms with opposing spins, allowing scientists to directly measure their individual magnetic moments.

The implications of altermagnetism are encouraging. Spintronics, which uses electron spin as well as charge to store and process information, may benefit first. Today's spintronic parts often use ferromagnets, whose stray fields can limit how tightly parts can be packed. Altermagnets, with zero net magnetisation, can reduce such stray-field problems and may help designs that aim for smaller, faster, more energy-efficient memory and logic. Their spins can switch very fast – up to trillions of times per second – but real device speedups have yet to be demonstrated.

This high-speed potential stems from the nature of the magnetic ordering. In altermagnets, the spin dynamics are governed by exchange interactions that can operate on picosecond or even sub-picosecond timescales. This intrinsic property allows for potential switching speeds in the terahertz (THz) range, which is theoretically up to a thousand-times faster than the gigahertz (GHz) speeds that are typical for current ferromagnetic components. Achieving this in practical devices remains a long-term goal but it highlights the fundamental performance advantages that altermagnetic materials could offer.

Anomalous Hall effect

Beyond spintronics, scientists are also exploring possible links to quantum computing. The absence of stray magnetic fields in altermagnets can lower some kinds of magnetic noise in test devices. Scientists are still figuring out how they work alongside superconductors, to be fair.

Further yet, the discovery that altermagnetism can show up in a wide range of materials – including insulators, semiconductors, and metals – opens up many options for materials design. Some early studies even look at organic crystals, but this line of work is still exploratory.

The theoretical framework behind altermagnetism is simple: if you imagine running time backward, magnets usually don't look the same. That is true for both ferromagnets and antiferromagnets. Even so, many antiferromagnets keep a pairing rule with the crystal pattern that still forces 'spin up' and 'spin up' to match in many directions. Altermagnets break that matching while keeping zero overall magnetisation.

In some altermagnets, the crystal rules even allow a sideways voltage when a current flows through it; this is known as the anomalous Hall effect. And the significance of the anomalous Hall effect is that it provides a straightforward electrical method to 'read' the material's magnetic state. Conventional antiferromagnets typically lack this effect, making their states difficult to detect with simple electronics. This property gives altermagnets a notable advantage for potential device integration.

Finally, computer searches have suggested many possible altermagnetic materials, giving scientists a long list to test in experiments.

Good signs

The exploration of altermagnetism is still in its infancy and many challenges remain. The synthesis of high-quality, single-domain altermagnetic materials is a crucial hurdle that needs to be overcome for their practical application. Besides manganese telluride, another widely studied material is ruthenium dioxide (RuO_2), which has also been central in demonstrating certain altermagnetic effects. A significant practical issue is that these materials often form with many small magnetic regions, or domains, where the alternating spin pattern is oriented differently. For a device to function reliably, it typically requires a single, well-ordered domain. Learning how to control the growth of these materials to eliminate such domain boundaries is therefore a central focus of current research.

Developing scalable and cost-effective fabrication techniques will also be essential to integrate them into commercial devices. However, the rapid pace of discovery and the intense interest from the scientific community are good signs that steady work can tackle these problems.

Taken together, the discovery of altermagnetism represents a step forward in physicists' understanding of the magnetic world. It adds a new option to ferromagnetism and antiferromagnetism, introducing a well-defined magnetic phase with a distinctive combination of properties. Because they keep zero net magnetisation yet still split spins in the bands, altermagnets could lead to faster, smaller, and more energy-efficient technologies.

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Kosim Uddin, 50, purchases fish on an island in the Brahmaputra River, his new home, after he was forced to move due to erosion, in Kurigram, Bangladesh, on October 29, 2025.. REUTERS

Brahmaputra, Teesta rivers eroding land faster than ever in Bangladesh

Reuters

On an overcast morning, Nurun Nabi, 50, loads bamboo poles and tin sheets onto a wooden boat. His home, built just a year ago on a fragile island in the Brahmaputra River, is on the verge of being swallowed by water. It is the second time the farmer and father of four has had to move in a year.

He has no choice but to move to another char, a temporary island formed by river sediment. His rice and lentil fields are already gone, claimed by the advancing current of the Brahmaputra, which originates in the Himalayas and flows through China and India before reaching Bangladesh.

"I don't know what awaits us there in the new home," he said, looking towards the wide brown river.

Every year, hundreds of families in northern Bangladesh's Kurigram district face the same fate. As riverbanks collapse, people lose not only their homes but also their land, crops, and livestock. The Brahmaputra, Teesta, and Dharla rivers, have become unpredictable, eroding land faster than ever before.

The chars are among the most fragile places in Bangladesh. Families rebuild again and again, only for the river to take everything they have.

The events in Kurigram are climate change made visible, as the melting of the glaciers that feed the rivers accelerates

As the world's eyes turn to Brazil, the host of the U.N climate summit from November 10 to 21, Bangladesh's struggle offers a sobering message. The country is often praised as a model of resilience – building embankments, forecasting floods, and pioneering community-based adaptation. But without stronger international support and climate finance, those efforts will fall short.

The events in Kurigram are climate change made visible, as the melting of the Himalayan glaciers that feed the Brahmaputra and Teesta rivers accelerates. The monsoon has also grown more erratic: arriving earlier, lasting longer, and falling in intense, sudden bursts.

The World Bank estimates one in every seven Bangladeshis could be displaced by climate-related disasters by 2050.

Women carry much of the burden of the constant displacement. Shahina Begum, 30, a mother of two, recalled standing in waist-deep water as she cooked for her family during floods last year.

"We moved six times in 10 years," she said. "Every time we start again, the river takes it back."

"It is even more difficult for women and adolescent girls," she added. "We have to find dry ground, cook, take care of children, and there is no privacy or safety."

On Kheyar Alga Char, about 300 families have managed to stay put for three years after local groups installed geobags, large sand-filled sacks that strengthen riverbanks against erosion.

"Geobags have made a huge difference," said Johurul Islam, 39, who lost his home more than 10 times before settling here. "For the last three years, the river didn't take our land. For the first time, I feel a little confident about the future."

Local NGOs are also helping to build raised villages: clusters of homes elevated above the ground to withstand seasonal floods.

Around Johurul Islam, children played on solid ground, their laughter carried by the evening wind. "This time, we'll be ready. For now, the land is holding – and so are we."

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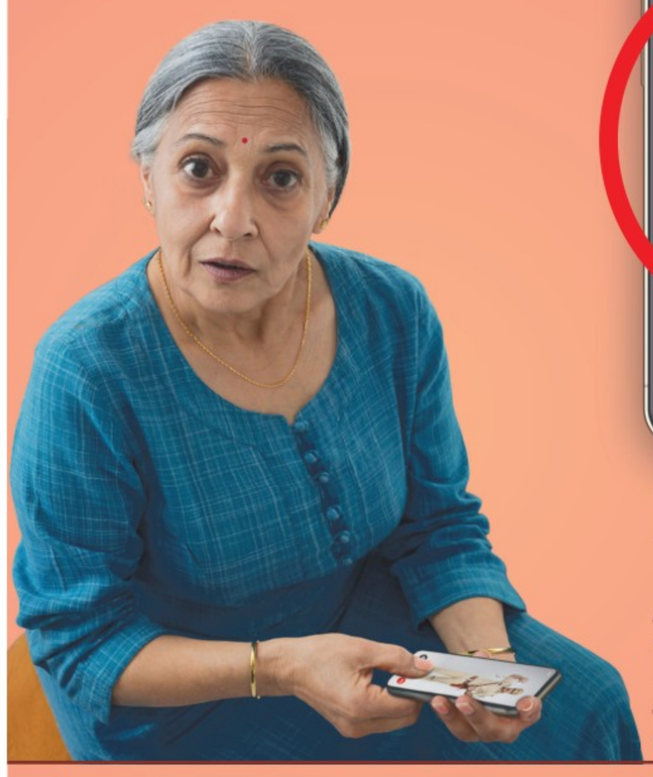

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

The damage caused by Cyclone Montha in Andhra Pradesh

6,384 In ₹ crore. The Andhra Pradesh government revised the estimate of damage caused by Cyclone Montha to ₹6,384 crore and sought an immediate relief of ₹900 crore after a central team visited the State to assess the loss. PTI

Investment to develop small modular nuclear reactors in Sweden

400 In million Swedish crowns. A group of Swedish industrial companies has signed a deal with utility Vattenfall to invest 400 million Swedish crowns to develop small modular nuclear reactors in Sweden. Vattenfall's plan is to build reactors at its Ringhals plant. REUTERS

Persons killed in clashes between rival factions in Nigeria

200 Fighting between Boko Haram and rival militants from the Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) group broke out in Dogon Chiku on the shores of Lake Chad, in the latest bout of infighting for territorial control fuelled by ideological rifts. AFP

Number of people killed in migrant shipwreck in Malaysia

13 Authorities in Malaysia and Thailand have recovered at least 13 bodies as they search for survivors after a boat carrying migrants capsized. Officials said the boat was carrying about 70 migrants, many believed to be from the Rohingya community trying to reach Malaysia. AFP

Number of persons displaced due to Typhoon Fung-wong

1.4 In million. Typhoon Fung-wong blew out of the northwestern Philippines after setting off floods and landslides, and killing at least four people. The country is still dealing with the devastation wrought by Typhoon Kalmaegi. PTI

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What is the role of a pay commission?

How have public sector compensation systems evolved over decades? When was the first Central Pay Commission constituted? What are the different terms of reference? What are international practices? How can the government attract and retain talent?

EXPLAINER

Rangarajan R.

The story so far:

The Central government has constituted the 8th Central Pay Commission (CPC) with retired Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai as the Chairperson. It also consists of Professor Pulak Ghosh, faculty at IIM Bangalore, as a part-time member and Pankaj Jain IAS, Secretary to the government of India, as member-secretary. It will submit its report within 18 months.

What is a pay commission?

Pay commissions are set up in India by an executive order based on a Cabinet decision. The role of the CPC is to go into various issues of salary structures, retirement benefits and other service conditions of Central government employees, including defence personnel, and make suitable recommendations on the changes required. The first CPC was set up in 1946.

What are its terms of reference?

The Terms of Reference (TOR) of the pay commissions are finalised by the Union Cabinet. The TOR of the 8th CPC requires it to consider certain factors while making its recommendations. They include economic conditions of the country and the need for fiscal prudence; need to ensure adequate resources for developmental expenditure and welfare measures; unfunded cost of non-contributory pension schemes; impact of recommendations on State government finances that usually adopt the recommendations of the CPC; and the prevailing emolument structure and working conditions available for central public sector undertakings and private sector employees.

What are the international practices?

Globally, till the 1970s, the compensation system for the public sector was aimed at achieving equity by benchmarking them with similar roles in the private employment market. In the 1980s, efficiency replaced equity as the key principle in determining compensation. Starting with the 1990s, performance and incentives became the key principle while balancing them with affordability. At present, public sector compensation systems are evolving to recruit and retain individuals with appropriate competencies and skills, while attempting to contain the total cost to the public exchequer.

As per global standards the key characteristics of fair compensation in the public sector are clear philosophy, ability to attract talent, internal equity, external competitiveness and clarity. In India while internal equity is given adequate weightage, external competitiveness lags behind when it comes to compensation for top positions.

It is interesting to note some comparative data for large democracies on certain parameters of public sector employment summarised in Table 1. It can be observed that while the general perception in our country is that public sector employment and wages are gargantuan with limited efficiency, it is lesser in almost all parameters when compared to other major democracies.

What next?

There are certain key aspects of the TOR that require attention. First, the TOR requires the CPC to compare the pay structure of the public sector with the private sector. This has been addressed even in earlier pay commissions. Entry level posts in the public sector have significantly higher salaries than their private counterparts while it is the opposite for higher posts and specialist roles. The compression ratio, that is, the ratio of lowest to highest salaries in the Central government has been fixed at 1:12.5 in the seventh CPC. Privileges and perks coupled with job security is a significant intangible that makes up for lower salary packages in top government posts. However, this needs to be revisited with respect to certain top posts and specialist roles in order to attract and retain talent. Second, intangibles like learning and development, training, and work environment including flexible working and health promotion are not part of the TOR. It may be expected that the Commission will address these issues in its final report.

Finally, the 8th CPC has been mandated to consider economic conditions, need to ensure adequate resources for welfare, and unfunded cost of non-contributory pension schemes. The pension bill for the year 2025-26 is estimated at ₹2.76 lakh crore out of the total revenue expenditure of ₹39.44 lakh crore of the central government. The impact of non-contributory pension schemes on the government exchequer needs to be borne in mind while making recommendations. However, welfare measures are political decisions that keep evolving. New schemes are announced by the Centre from time to time. Considering these factors, a commission with members from the judiciary, academia and bureaucracy may not be equipped to assess the impact. There may also be a case for broad basing the commission with finance and human resource professionals to bring in diverse opinions.

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Table1: Comparison of public sector employment and expenditure

Country	Public sector wage bill (% of GDP)	Public sector wage bill (% of total expenditure)	Public sector employment (% of total employment)
India	**5.48**	**17.70**	**8.5**
U.S.	9.50	20.58	12.9
U.K.	10.20	20.29	29.0
France	13.37	21.43	31.5
Germany	8.51	16.46	22.4
Brazil	10.65	24.92	12.5

Source: World Bank – World Bureaucracy Indicators - 2022

THE GIST

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Why access to knowledge is crucial for innovation

How will restricting free flow of information hamper innovation and growth in economies?

Rahul Menon

The current Nobel Prize in Economics has been given to three economists – Joel Mokyr, Philippe Aghion, and Peter Howitt – who have studied the role of technological change and creative destruction in economic growth. While the work of the latter two would be more readily recognisable to the modern economist, Mokyr adopts a historical lens to study the relationship between knowledge, ideas and economic growth.

What was Mokyr's model?

Mokyr's model makes a distinction between two kinds of knowledge: propositional and prescriptive. The former is knowledge about scientific phenomena and principles, while the latter concerns knowledge about techniques. Economic growth occurs with an increase in both kinds of knowledge, where societies possess not just scientific or theoretical knowledge, but also the knowledge of techniques to put them into use. What is important to understand is that it is not enough for society to merely possess knowledge; what matters is that a majority of members are able to access this knowledge, and that social norms promote the sharing of knowledge and free exchange of ideas. Technological progress is not merely an economic process, but a social and cultural outcome regulating the spread and sharing of knowledge amongst society.

Mokyr tells us the importance not just of generating new ideas, but of sharing and communicating these ideas. Free markets do not automatically guarantee growth, and state intervention does not ensure negative growth prospects. Instead, anything that restricts the free flow of information directly hampers innovation and growth. In that respect, one can point to certain social institutions in India that have hampered growth – such as caste – while being aware of the potentially negative effects of job polarisation and automation in restricting the spread of knowledge amongst theorists and practitioners.

Does the caste system stop growth?

The social institution of caste in India has ensured that knowledge was the preserve of an elite minority, with violence being used to restrict access. Following Independence, policy proposals such as reservations have been introduced to rectify this balance. However, access to high quality education still remains out of reach for many, while the slow retreat of the public sector ensures quality education once again remains the preserve of the elite.

Mokyr's work shows us the dangers of not ensuring universal access to quality knowledge. What matters is not just the extent of knowledge accumulated by a society, but whether enough individuals have access to it in order to use it to tinker, experiment, and devise new techniques to introduce economic innovations. The existence of knowledge but with no meaningful access to it is as good as a society that possesses no knowledge at all. The extreme fragmentation of caste implies that not only is education restricted, but rigid conventions that ensure communities do not meaningfully interact further restricts innovations.

In this regard, one can see the importance of breaking down caste barriers, and improving educational access as well as ensuring quality education for all. This is of relevance given the slow retreat of the state in education and the rise in private universities. Much of the population may be unable to access quality education owing to high fees and lack of reservations in private universities.

What about automation?

Current labour markets have been thrown into disarray and profound uncertainty with the introduction of automation driven by AI.

The threat of job displacement is serious, but there is another, deeper question: what happens to the sharing of practical knowledge about capital and techniques when fewer individuals have access to it? Automation brings with it the problem of job polarisation, where much of routine work is performed by machines and/or AI, with humans in either highly skilled tasks or performing service occupations, such as in restaurants. This could potentially reduce the share of workforce who actually have knowledge of modern techniques. The transmission of knowledge about techniques of production requires long periods of familiarising oneself with the methods of operation, through personal contact, training and hands-on experience. Automation can have significant productivity effects, and might even prove to raise growth over time. But what happens to the sharing of knowledge of techniques if much of the labour force does not even have access to these new techniques?

If inaccessible education and restrictive social institutions keep propositional knowledge restricted, and job polarisation and automation ensure prescriptive knowledge is out to reach, economy-wide innovation is bound to suffer. The transformation of knowledge into innovations and growth depends on the cultural and social norms determining the costs of access to knowledge. Democratisation of education, far from being inimical to economic efficiency, is actually an important condition to ensure faster growth.

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Minor girl, bank employee found dead in separate incidents

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 14-year-old girl was found dead at her residence in Chamarajpet on Saturday evening.

The deceased has been identified as Sharmila, 14, a class 9 student of a private school in Chamarajpet. The Kalasipalya police have registered a case. Initial probe revealed that she was upset about the death of her friend who allegedly ended her life a few days ago. In another incident, a 28-year-old bank employee was found dead in Girinagar. The deceased has been identified as Gagan Rao, who married Meghana about eight months ago. Police said the couple frequently quarreled, and Gagan was reportedly upset over constant disputes.

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3	Procurement of 75mm HI CHROME Grinding Media Balls. **HGML/2025-26/IND0411**	6,60,000/-
4	Tender for Providing 40 Ex-Servicemen / Paramilitary Security Guards. **HGML/2025-26/SE0067**	3,04,000/-

Calendar of events: :1) Pre-Bid Meetings (Zoom):- **15.11.2025 at 10.00 AM for Sl.no.1,2 & 22.11.2025 at 10.00 AM for Sl.No.3 & 10.30 AM for Sl.No.4 2).** Last date for receipt of tender:- **22.11.2025 at 4.00 PM for Sl.No.1,2 & 06.12.2025 at 4.00 PM for Sl.No.3,4. 3)** Opening of Technical Bid on:- **24.11.2025 at 10.00 AM for Sl.No.1,2 & 08.12.2025 at 10.00 AM for Sl.No.3,4.**

For further details interested bidders are advised to log on to website **https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or contact the office of undersigned during working hours. For participating in the above tender bidder needs to be registered in KPP portal.

Sd/- Senior Manager (Materials)

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KARNATAKA STATE HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT KSHIP
Project Implementation Unit, Karnataka State Highways Improvement Project
Annexe Building, KR Circle, Bengaluru-560 001

No.Potholes/KSHIP/2025-26/15 **Date: 11.11.2025**

Short Term Tender Notification
(on Karnataka Public Procurement Portal)

The Project Director, Project Implementation Unit, Karnataka State Highway Improvement Project, Bengaluru invites Tender for Filling up of Potholes on selected reaches of KRDCL around Bangalore. Interested applicants can view and download the complete Tender document from Government of Karnataka Public Procurement Portal(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) on or after 11/11/2025. The tenderers may submit their documents for details in the table through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal of the Government of Karnataka.

Name of the Work: Filling up of Potholes on Selected reaches of KRDCL Roads around Bangalore	
Last date & time for tender queries/ clarifications in KPP Portal	**Date:14.11.2025 upto Time: 11.30Hours**
Date and Time of Pre-bid meeting	**Date:14.11.2025 Time: 15.30 Hours (PIU, KSHIP, Bangalore)**
Last date for submission of Bids	**Date:18.11.2025 Time: 16.00 Hours**
Date and Time of opening of bids	**Date:19.11.2025 Time: 16.30 Hours**

Please note that the Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any of the Tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever. For more details about Tender invitation, may contact Office of the Project Director, Project Implementation Unit, K.R. Circle, Bengaluru during office hours & also through e-mail: **support@eprochelpdesk.com** and KPP portal helpline no: **+91-8046010000/+91-8068948777**.

Please note henceforth, any changes in the schedule will not be published through News-papers and further changes will be updated only on Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/-
Project Director
KSHIP, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/3693/CCL/2025-26

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

INVITATION FOR TENDERS
(Only through KPP portal)

BWSSB invites Tenders from Registered agencies for the following works.

Office of the Chief Engineer (South), 7th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bangalore - 560 009.

Sl. No.	Division	IFT Number	Amount Put to Tender(Rs.) / EMD Amount(Rs.)	Last date & Time for submission of tender	Date and time for opening of tender
1	South-1	BWSSB/EES-1/TO/AE/2210/ 2025-26 Dated: 03.11.2025	Rs. 35,73,128/- / Rs. 71,500/-	17.11.2025 upto 4:00 pm	19.11.2025 after 4:00 pm

Sd/- Executive Engineer (South-1)

Office of the Chief Engineer (West), 6th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bangalore - 560 009.

2	North-West-1	BWSSB/EE(NW-1)/PB/3855/2025-26 Date: 07.11.2025	Rs. 32,14,389/- / Rs. 64,300/-	25.11.2025 upto 5:00 pm	26.11.2025 after 5:15 pm
3		BWSSB/EE(NW-1)/PB/3860/2025-26 Date: 07.11.2025	Rs. 61,07,944/- / Rs. 1,22,200/-		

Sd/- Executive Engineer (North-West-1)

Office of the Chief Engineer (Kaveri-O&M), 8th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bangalore - 560 009.

4	Kaveri O&M-4	BWSSB/EEK(O&M)-4/PB/180/ 2025-26 Dated: 04.11.2025	Rs. 21.76 lakhs / Rs. 50,000/-	25.11.2025 upto 4:00 pm	26.11.2025 after 11:00 am
5			Rs. 77.95 lakhs / Rs. 1,56,000/-		

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Kaveri O&M-4)

Office of the Chief Engineer (East), 6th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bangalore - 560 009.

6	South-East-2	BWSSB/EE(SE-2)/TO/PB/2701/ 2025-26 Dated: 06.11.2025	Rs. 67,91,369/- / Rs. 1,15,110/-	19.11.2025 upto 4:00 pm	20.11.2025 after 4:30 pm

Sd/- Executive Engineer (South-East-2)

The details regarding the tender and participatin in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** For further details contact the above signed office during working hours.

DIPR/CP/JA/3687/2025-26

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ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

2025–26ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ, 3054–ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಮುಖ್ಯ ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆಯಡಿಯ ರೂ. 54.00 ಲಕ್ಷ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತದ 01 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿತರಾದ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ 'ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್' "https:karnataka.gov.in" ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಟ್ರಾನ್ಸ್‌ಪರೆನ್ಸಿ ಇನ್ ಪಬ್ಲಿಕ್ ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಆಕ್ಟ್–2023ರಲ್ಲಿ ನಿರೂಪಿತ ಶರ್ತಗೊಳಪಟ್ಟು ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ "kppp.karnataka.gov.in" ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ 18.11.2025ರ ಸಂಜೆ 5.30ರವರೆಗೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕಛೇರಿಯನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸುವುದು.

ಸಹಿ/–, ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಪರವಾಗಿ)
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ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್‌ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಕೊಡಗು ವಿಭಾಗ, ಮಡಿಕೇರಿ

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:18/2025–26/2299–04 ದಿನಾಂಕ:14–11–2025.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ 1999 ಹಾಗೂ ನಿಯಮಗಳು 2000 ರಂತೆ ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯೂಮೆಂಟ್ ಕೆ.ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ–4 ರನ್ವಯ ದ್ವಿ ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ಕೊಡಗು ವಿಭಾಗದ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿನ ಲೆಕ್ಕಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ : 5054–ರಾಜ್ಯ ಹೆದ್ದಾರಿಗಳ ಸೇತುವೆ–ಸುಧಾರಣೆಯಡಿಯ 01 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ (ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : 22398) ಹಾಗೂ 5054–ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಮತ್ತು ಇತರ ರಸ್ತೆಗಳು–ಸುಧಾರಣೆ ಅಡಿಯ 02 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ (ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : 27737, 27479) ಒಟ್ಟು –03 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು (ಅಪೆಂಡಿಕ್ಸ್–ಇ) ಇ–ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣಾ ವೇದಿಕೆ ಮೂಲಕ 2ನೇ ಕರೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಿಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ.119.45 ಲಕ್ಷ ಮತ್ತು ಗರಿಷ್ಟ ರೂ. 160.68 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ–ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣಾ ವೇದಿಕೆ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 14–11–2025 ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆಯಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣಾ ವೇದಿಕೆ https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಯಾವುದೇ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ/ಮಾರ್ಪಾಡುಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಸಹಿ:
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್,
ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಕೊಡಗು ವಿಭಾಗ, ಮಡಿಕೇರಿ

BANGALORE WEST CITY CORPORATION
Malleshwaram Zone, Office of the Executive Engineer, Basavanagudi Division,
BWCC building, Chennamanakere Achchukattu, Vidyapeeta, BSK 3rd stage, Bangalore-85
Contact No: 9480688283 Email: bwcceebg@gmail.com

No.EE(BG)/KPPP/TEND/02/2025-26 **Date: 10.11.2025**

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)
(Through GOK KPPP Only) (Two Cover System)

1. The Executive Engineer, Basavangudi Division, BWCC invites standard tender documents KW-4 on behalf of the Commissioner, BWCC, Bengaluru from eligible Tenderers registered in BBMP or equivalent registration with PWD/CPWD or any state Governmental Organization for the execution of works detailed in the table below. The tenderers may submit tenders for works given in the table through KPPP portal of the Government of Karnataka **(viz https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in). 2.** Tender documents may be downloaded from the new KPPP portal of the Government of Karnataka. **3.** Other details can be seen in the tender documents.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work/Amount put to tender in lakhs/EMD amount in Rs.
1	Comprehensive developments of roads and Drains and other allied works in ward no 196(154),197(156), 198(154) Under Chief Minister Infrastructure Grants (CMIDP) (Comprising of 5 works in G.O. BWCC SI no 66,67,68,69 & 76) Package No-01-BG-2025-26 Amount put to tender (Excluding GST) : **Rs.820.00 Lakhs,** EMD (in Rupees)**: 12,30,000/-.**
2	Comprehensive developments of roads and Drains and other allied works in ward no 199(164),200(162),201(163) Under Chief Minister Infrastructure Grants (CMIDP) (Comprising of 8 works in G.O. BWCC SI no 70,71,72,73,74,75,77& 78) Package No-02-BG-2025-26 Amount put to tender (Excluding GST) : **Rs.1165.35 Lakhs,** EMD (in Rupees)**: 15,00,000/-.**

Calendar of events:
1.Tender documents may be downloaded from the KPPP: From **13.11.2025 17.30 Hrs Onwards**
2. Last Date & Time for uploading tender documents: **On 28.11.2025 upto 17:30 Hrs**
3. Pre bid meeting will be held on **20.11.2025 at 16.00 Hrs** in the office of Chief Engineer, Malleshwaram Zone, BWCC, Palike Soudha Building, 1st Floor, 14th cross, Chandra Layout, Bangalore-560072.
4. Opening of technical document : **On 29.11.2025 at 17.30 Hrs.**
5. Financial opening: **Opening date will be intimated through KPP Portal**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Basavanagudi Division, Malleshwaram Zone, BWCC

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, GH RASOOL RESHI S/O Ali Mohd Reshi and dependent father of NASEER AHMAD RESHI, presently residing at No. 24, HS Layout,Chikkabanawara, Bengaluru(Karnataka)–560090 and permanent resident of Sumbal, Letpora, Pulwama(J&K)–192122, have changed my name from GH Rasool Reshi to GHULAM RASOOL RESHI vide affidavit dated 06–11–25 before the Notary Advocate N Mahesha (Regd.No. 12386) Bengaluru

I, SAIRA BANU w/o GH RASOOL RESHI dependent mother of NASEER AHMAD RESHI, presently residing at No. 24, HS Layout,Chikkabanawara, Bengaluru(Karnataka)–560090 and permanent resident of Sumbal, Letpora, Pulwama(J&K)–192122, have changed my name from SAIRA BANU to SARA BEGUM vide affidavit dated 06–11–25 before the Notary Advocate N Mahesha (Regd.No. 12386) Bengaluru

I, JYOTSANA d/o Anil Kumar Arora r/o: No.C–603, Cassia Block, Brigade Millennium, JP Nagar 7th Phase, Puttenahalli, Blr–560078. Have changed my name as Jayotsana Arora. Vide affidavit on 07/11/25.

I, ARMY No.15328051P, Rank: Hav. Name: Jagadeshwaran.R, Unit: 6th Engr. C/o 56, APO, R/at Vasanth Nagar, Behind Canara Bank, BEML Nagar Post, K G F-563115, have changed my mother Smt. A.M.Chandra's date of Birth from 01-07-1947 to 15/12/1948 and my wife's name from J. Vanitha to M.Vanitha vide affidavit dated 25/10/2025 sworn before Notary Thangaraj.S, K G F.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, S.BASETTY, S/o Singadi Basappa, R/at No.74/6, 3rd Main, 4th Cross, Nagappa Block, Srirampurvam, Bengaluru-560021 have changed my name from Singadi Basetteppa to S.Basetty vide affidavit dated 10/11/2025 sworn before Notary Gangaraju.B.N, B'luru

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT I[ST] ADDL. DISTRICT JUDGE CUM MACT OF CHITTOOR,A.P
M.V.O.P.No. 59 of 2025
Between:
1.G.S.Shameer Basha
2.G.S.Shaheer Basha
...Petitioners

And:
1.V.Ajit Kumar (Rider of the Motor Cycle)
2.J.Subramanyam(Owner of the Motor Cycle)...**Respondents**

NOTICE TO 2[nd] RESPONDENT

To
J. Subramanyam,
S/o.Chandraiah, # 175, 4th Cross, Preethi Nagar, Laggere Post, Banglore – 560058, Karnataka State. (Owner of the Motor Vehicle) bearing Reg No. KA 02 JP 6357

Sir, The Petition filed u/sec.166-1(c) of M.V.Act., by the petitioners claiming compen sation against both of you on account of death of G.S.Khader Basha, who is the father of pettioners caused by 1st Respodent in the motor road accident,stands posted to **28-11-2025 at 10-30 A.M** for your appearance and to file your objections.If you do not appear on that date either in person or through your Advocate, the matter will be decided exparte.

V. M. SRINIVASULU,
Advocate,Chittoor,AP

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
LABOUR WELFARE AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
COMMISSIONERATE OF LABOUR

OPEN TENDER NOTICE

Tender is invited by the Director, Tamil Nadu Academy of Construction, towards the selection of Training Provider to impart online skill training to 10,000 children of registered construction workers in Tamil Nadu Construction Workers Welfare Board.

The Tender document can be downloaded at free of cost from **https://tntenders.gov.in./ 11.11.2025, 10.00 a.m.**

Last date and time for online submission of Tender through **https://tntenders.gov.in/** is **01.12.2025** till **03.00 p.m.**

Queries if any will be addressed through email - **tncoltenders@gamil.com**. Kindly refer to the Tender document for instructions and information.

The Director (FAC), Tamil Nadu Academy of Construction, Thaiyur - 103.

DIPR/6057/Tender/2025

Government of Karnataka
DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH EMPOWERMENT AND SPORTS
State Youth Centre, Nrupathunga Road, Bangalore-560 001
Tel: (080) 22215601, 22211246, FAX: 080 22215602

No: DYES/AP/ES/159/2024-25 Date: 07/11/2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION (E- Procurement Portal)

Subject : The Deputy Director (Admn), Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports, State Youth Centre , Nrupathunga Road, Bangalore-560 001, KARNATAKA INDIA invites Tender to take up the various Construction works at stadiums of Gadag and Bengaluru districts of Karnataka.

Sl. No	Particulars	Tender Amount	EMD	Last Date and Time for Submission of Bid	Last Date and Time for Opening of technical bid
1	Providing and fixing of Flood lights to KH Patil District Stadium, Gadag.	Rs 96.02 Lakhs	Rs 1,92,056.00	20-11-2025 Time 16:00 hrs	21-11-2025 Time 16:30 hrs
2	Installation of Synthetic Football turf at KH Patil District stadium, Gadag	Rs 322.35 Lakhs	Rs 4,83,529.00	08-12-2025 Time 16:00 hrs	09-12-2025 Time 16.30 hrs
3	Proposal for Construction of Swimming Pool at Mulugunda city, Gadag district	Rs 242.20 Lakhs	Rs 3,63,302.00	06-12-2025 Time 17:30 hrs	08-12-2025 Time 11:00 hrs
4	Providing air conditioning system to Sri Kanteerava Indoor Stadium, Bengaluru	Rs 338.96 Lakhs	Rs 5,08,451.00	06-12-2025 Time 16:00 hrs	08-12-2025 Time 16:30 hrs

The Tender shall be submitted through e-Procurement Portal **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in).** Vendors need to register in the e-Procurement Portal to submit their bids online. The tender document can be viewed free of cost from the e-Procurement Portal. Additional information may be obtained during office hours at the above mentioned Address.

Sd/-
Deputy Director (Admn)
Department of Youth Empowerment and sports
Tender Inviting Authority

DIPR/CP/3692/SSC/2025-26

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is represented to the undersigned advocate by the respective owners that the below mentioned original documents all registered before the office of the Sub-Registrar, Devanahalli pertaining to the below mentioned survey numbers, all situated at Chinnakempanahalli Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District have been lost/misplaced:

1) Sale Deed dated 18/08/2022 executed by (1) Smt. Parvathamma, daughter of Late Thamanappa, (2) Smt. Radhamma, daughter of Smt. Parvathamma and (3) Kumari. S. Soubhagya, grand daughter of Smt. Parvathamma in favour of Smt. Gowramma, wife of Late Govindaraju registered vide Document No. DNH-1-05909/2022-23 of Book–I, stored in C.D. No. DNHD1607, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bengaluru Rural (Devanahalli), Bengaluru, with respect to portion of Survey No. 49/1, measuring 20 guntas. **2)** Agreement of Sale dated 22/03/2019 executed between Sri. S.H. Kumar, son of Late Hanumanthappa and Sri. M. Pille Gowda, son of Sri. N. Mune Gowda and Sri. Rajesh, son of Sri. Chikka Anjinappa registered vide Document No. DNH-1-12526/2018-19 of Book – I, stored in C.D. No. DNHD734, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bengaluru Rural (Devanahalli) with respect to portion of Survey No. 49/2, measuring 10 guntas. **3)** Deed of Cancellation of the Agreement of Sale dated 05/04/2019 entered between Sri. S.H. Kumar, son of Late Hanumanthappa and Sri. M. Pille Gowda, son of Sri. N. Mune Gowda and Sri. Rajesh, son of Sri. Chikka Anjinappa registered vide Document No. DNH-1-00259/2019-2020 of Book – I, stored in C.D. No. DHND745, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bengaluru Rural (Devanahalli) with respect to portion of Survey No. 49/2, measuring 10 guntas. **4)** Agreement of Sale dated 17/02/2014 entered between Smt. Byayamma, wife of Late Venkateshappa and others with Sri. N. Sonnappa, son of Late Chikka Nanjundappa registered vide Document No. DNH-1-09359/2013-14 of Book -I, stored in C.D. 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Sonnappa, son of Late Chikkananjundappa, registered vide Document No. DNH-1-10514/2013-14 of Book I, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Devanahalli with respect to portion of Survey No. 50/2, measuring 17 guntas. **13**) General Power of Attorney dated 26-03-2014 executed by Sri. Munishamappa, son of Late Rangappa and others in favour of Sri. N. Sonnappa, son of Late Chikkananjundappa, registered vide Document No. DNH-4-01057/2013-14 of Book IV, stored in CD No. DNHD375, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Devanahalli with respect to portion of Survey No. 50/2, measuring 17 guntas. **14)** Absolute Sale Deed dated 30-10-2014 executed by Sri. Munishamappa, son of Late Rangappa and others, represented by their General Power of Attorney Holder, Sri. N. Sonnappa, son of Late Chikkananjundappa, registered vide Document No. DNH-1-05895/2014-15 of Book I, stored in CD No. DNHD 441, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Devanahalli with respect to portion of Survey No. 50/2, measuring 17 guntas. **15)** Absolute Sale Deed executed by Sri. N. Sonnappa, son of Late Chikkananjundappa in favour of Sri. S.N. Sampath Kumar, son of Sri. S.K. Narayanappa, registered vide Document No. DNH-1-05276/2015-16 of Book I, stored in CD No. DNHD 560, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Devanahalli with respect to portion of Survey No. 50/2, measuring 17 guntas. **16)** Absolute Sale Deed executed by Sri. S.N. Sampath Kumar, son of Sri. S.K. Narayanappa and others in favour of Sri. C. Chethan Kumar, son of Sri. Channappa and Sri. Praveen Kumar Roddam, registered vide Document No. DNH-1-02092/2019-20 of Book I, stored in CD No. DNHD 788, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Devanahalli with respect to Survey No. 50/4, measuring 17 guntas. **17)** Agreement of Sale dated 17/02/2014 entered betweenSri. Shivakumar, son of Sri. Rudrappa and otherswithSri. Sonnappa, son of late Chikkananjundappa, registered vide Document No. DNH-1-09357/2013-14 of Book I, stored in CD No. DNHD 370, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Devanahalli with respect to portion of Survey No. 51, measuring 38½ guntas. **18)** Deed of Cancellation of Agreement of Sale dated 26/11/2014 entered between Sri. Shivakumar, son of Sri. Rudrappa and others with Sri. Sonnappa, son of late Chikkananjundappa,registered vide Document No. DNH-1-06939/2014-15 of Book I, stored in C.D. No. DNHD466, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Devanahalli with respect to portion of Survey No. 51, measuring 38½ guntas. **19)** General Power of Attorney dated 26/11/2014 executed by Sri. Shivakumar, son of Sri. Rudrappa and others in favour of Sri. S.N Sampath Kumar, son of Sri. S.K Narayanappa, registered vide Document No. DNH-4-00913/2014-15 of Book IV, stored in CD No. DNHD 466, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Devanahalli with respect to portion of Survey No. 51, measuring 38½ guntas. **20)** Agreement of Sale dated 26/11/2014 entered between Sri. Shivakumar, son of Sri. Rudrappa and otherswith Sri. S.N. Sampath Kumar, son of Sri. S.K. Narayanappa, registered vide Document No. DNH-1-06941/2014-15 of Book I, stored in the C.D. No. DNHD 466, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Devanahalli with respect to portion of Survey No. 51, measuring 38½ guntas. **21)** Deed of Cancellation of Agreement of Sale dated 18/02/2016 entered between Sri. Shivakumar, son of Sri. Rudrappa and others (represented by their General Power of Attorney Holder, Sri. S.N. Sampath Kumar) with Sri. S.N. Sampath Kumar, son of Sri. S.K. Narayanappa, registered vide Document No. DNH-1-11162/2015-15 of Book I, stored in CD No. DNHD 583, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Devanahalli with respect to with respect to portion of Survey No. 51, measuring 38½ guntas. **22)** Sale Deed dated 18/02/2016 executed by Sri. Shivakumar, son of Sri. Rudrappa and others (represented by their General Power of Attorney Holder, Sri. S.N. Sampath Kumar) in favour of Sri. S.N. Sampath Kumar, son of Sri. S.K. Narayanappa, registered vide Document No. DNH-1-11164/2015-16, stored in C.D. No. DNHD 583, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Devanahalli with respect to Survey No. 51/1 (earlier part of Survey No. 51), measuring 38½ guntas. **23)** Sale Deed dated 06/06/2019 executed by Sri. S.N. Sampath Kumar, son of Sri. S.K. Narayanappaand others in favour of (1) Sri. C. Chethan Kumar son of Sri. Channappa and (2) Sri. Praveen Kumar Roddam son of Sri. Surendra Babu Roddam, registered vide Document No. DNHD-1-02077/2019-20 of Book I, stored in the C.D. No DNHD 788, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Devanahalli with respect to Survey No. 51/1 (earlier part of Survey No. 51), measuring 38½ guntas. **24)** Agreement of Sale dated 19-02-2014 entered between Sri. Nagaraja, son of Sri. Rudrappa with Sri. N. Sonnappa, son of Late Chikkananjundappa. registered vide Document No. DNH-1-09367/2013-14 of Book I, stored in C.D. No. DNHD370, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Devanahalli with respect to portion of Survey No. 51, measuring 38½ guntas. **25)** Cancellation of Agreement of Sale dated 25-11-2004 entered between

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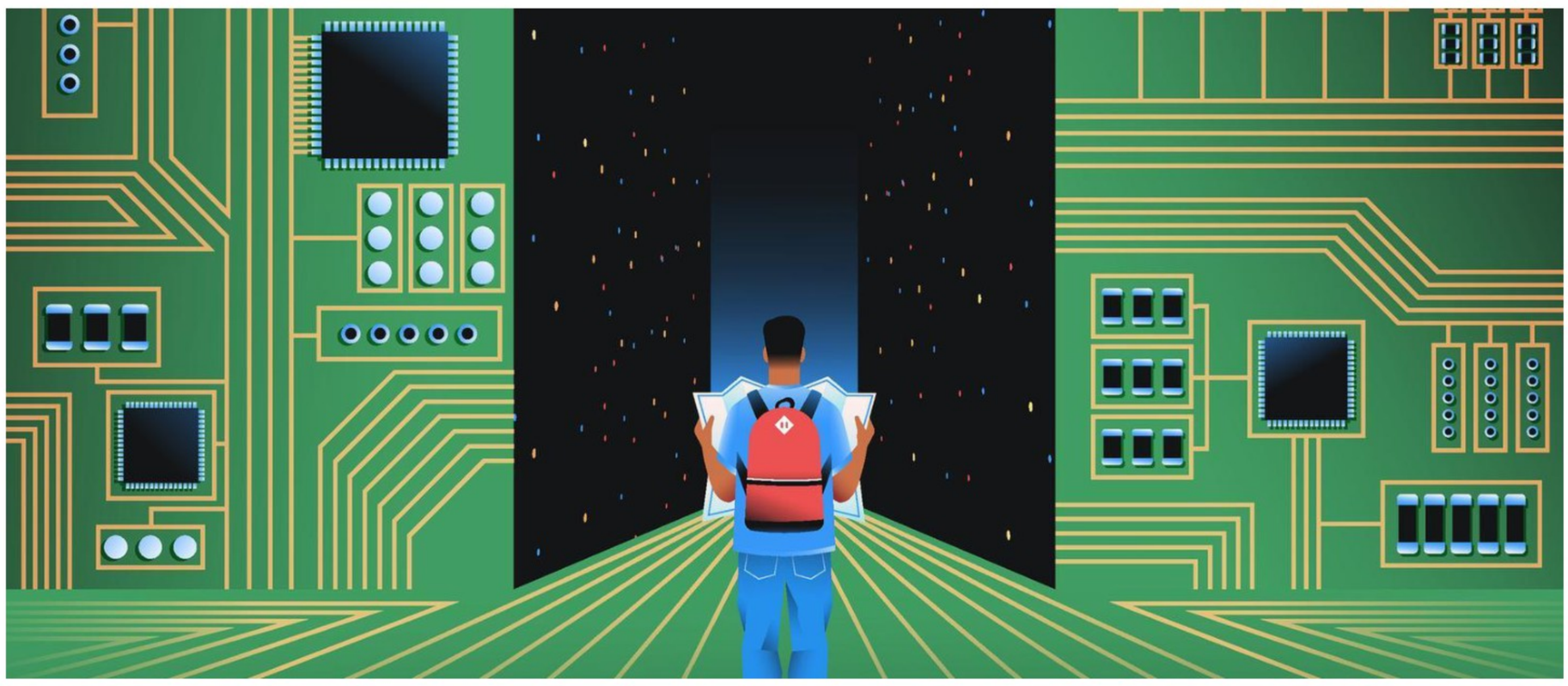

GETTY IMAGES

What happens when public knowledge is created on private infrastructure?

Recent advancements in AI are raising concerns about the corporate monopolisation of knowledge and the urgent need for equitable access to research, prompting discussions on the future of innovation and collaboration

Vasudevan Mukunth

Over the past year, a considerable amount of recognition for Machine Learning (ML) has gone to researchers working in or alongside large technology firms, even as recent advances in Artificial Intelligence (AI) have been financed and built on corporate infrastructure.

In 2024, the Nobel Foundation awarded the physics prize to John Hopfield and Geoffrey Hinton for contributions that enabled learning with artificial neural networks, and the chemistry prize to Demis Hassabis and John Jumper for protein structure prediction (alongside David Baker's computational design). Mr. Hassabis and Mr. Jumper were employed at Google DeepMind at the time of the award; Mr. Hinton had spent a decade at Google before departing in 2023. These affiliations don't erase the laureates' academic histories but they do indicate where prize-level research is now being performed.

This change rests on material conditions as well as ideas. State-of-the-art models depend on large computing clusters, curated data, and engineering teams. Google's programme to develop Tensor-Processing Units (TPU) for its data centres shows how fixed capital can become a scientific input rather than only an information technology cost. Microsoft's multiyear financing and Azure supercomputers for OpenAI reflect the same political economy from a different angle.

Case for public access

Any research with public provenance should return to the public domain. In this context, public money has supported early theoretical work, academic posts, fellowships, shared datasets, publishing infrastructure, and often the researchers themselves. In parallel, the points at which the value became excludable lay increasingly downstream: with respect to computing resources (shortened as compute), this includes rights to data and code, the ability to deploy models at scale, and decisions to release or withhold weights. This helps explain why recent Nobel laureates have been situated in corporate laboratories and why frontier systems are predominantly trained on private cloud systems.

In the 20th century, firms such as Bell Labs and IBM hosted prize-winning basic research. However, much of the knowledge then moved through reproducible publications and open benchmarks. Today, reproducing the work of Mr. Jumper, for example, can require large compute budgets and specialised operations expertise. As a result the concern isn't only that corporations receive prizes but that the path from a public insight to a working system is infrastructure and contracts controlled by a few firms.

The involvement of public funds should thus create concrete obligations at points where technology becomes enclosed for private control. If an academic laboratory accepts a public grant, the deliverables should include the artefacts that make the work usable, including the training code, evaluation suites, and weights in the AI models to be released under open licences. If a public agency buys cloud credits or commissions model development, procurement should require that the benchmarks and improvements flow back to the commons rather than become locked into a vendor.

Remove bottlenecks

The argument isn't that corporate laboratories can't do fundamental science; they clearly can. The claim is that public policy should reduce the structural advantages of private control. Consider the release of Google DeepMind's AlphaFold 2, which, together with its code and public access to predictions, allowed researchers beyond the originating lab to run the system on (reasonably) standard hardware, retrieve large numbers of precomputed structures, and integrate their results into routine workflows. All this work was supported by public institutions that were willing to host and maintain the resources.

Where the corporate stack is indispensable, such as when training frontier models (with billions or trillions of parameters), claims about 'responsible release' often ironically translate to a closed release. Instead, a more consistent position should be to link risk management to a structured model of openness – perhaps one that includes staged releases, access to weights, open penetration testing tools, and a clear separation between safety rationales and business models – rather than allow private entities to resort to blanket secrecy in the name of safety.

The same logic applies to compute: that is, if computing resources become a scientific bottleneck, they should be treated as a public utility. National and regional compute commons should allocate resources for free or at-cost to academic groups, nonprofits, and small firms, and qualify them on open deliverables and safety practices. The ultimate goal is to restore the ability of public institutions to reproduce, test, and extend leading ML work without having to seek corporate permission. Without such a commons, however, publicly funded ideas will continue to be turned into working systems on private clouds and returned to the public as expensive information products.

Indeed, while it's tempting to treat the entities employing the laureates and funding pipelines as separate issues, one symbolic and the other structural, they're connected by the computing resources. The fact that the Nobel laureates worked at Google DeepMind reflects where teams with ML scientists, domain experts, data, and compute now operate. Likewise, the fact that the most visible systems of the past two years were trained on Microsoft Azure under a financing agreement explains who could attempt such training. Both facts reflect underlying resource concentrations.

Beyond industry vs academia

Public agencies' response should be direct – by, say, tying funding to openness in grants and procurement and requiring detailed funding disclosures and compute-cost accounting in research papers. Where full openness would create unacceptable risks, agencies can use equity or royalties to fund compute and data commons that support the wider ecosystem. For corporate laboratories, on the other hand, their credibility should rest on measurable contributions to the commons.

Journalists and the publics should also move beyond an 'industry versus academia' framing.

The relevant questions are who sets the research agenda, who controls infrastructure, who can reproduce results, and who benefits from deploying the resulting AI models. Interpreting the 2024 Nobel Prizes as industry victories alone would miss the point that the knowledge base is cumulative and relies on public inputs, while the capacity to operationalise that knowledge is clustered. Articulating this pattern allows us to recognise scientific merit while demanding reforms that ensure public inputs produce public returns – in code, data, weights, benchmarks, and access to compute.

To be sure, the central conclusion isn't resentment about corporate salaries but responding to the fact that breakthroughs are increasingly occurring at the intersection of public knowledge and private infrastructure. The policy programme should be to reunite the layers where public and private enterprises diverge – artefacts, datasets, and compute – and to bake this expectation into contracts and norms that govern research.

In these conditions, future awards can be celebrated with corresponding public benefit because the outputs that make the science usable will be returned to the public.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

S. Upendran

"Your match was washed out, was it?"

"Yes, it was. We had a good time, though. We sat around cutting jokes."

"Really? Who cracked the most number of jokes?"

"Who 'cracked' jokes? You mean who 'cut' the most number of jokes?"

"You usually 'crack' or 'tell' a joke."

"...but I've heard many people say, 'He cut a good joke'."

"That's right. We in India often 'cut jokes'. A native speaker, on the other hand, normally 'cracks' or 'tells' jokes. For example, Sujatha cracked a number of jokes at the party."

"My physics teacher doesn't crack jokes in class."

"Not many teachers crack jokes in class. My father used to crack a lot of jokes at weddings."

"Really? While we are on the subject of weddings, what exactly is the difference between 'wedding' and 'marriage'?"

"Good question. You see, both 'wedding' and 'marriage' can be used to refer to the ceremony at which a man and a woman become man and wife. For example, I can say, my friend's wedding will take place in the local church. It is also possible to say, my friend's marriage will take place in the local church."

"I see. Is it OK to say, the groom was ill, so the wedding was put off?"

"Sounds fine. You can also say..."

"...the groom was ill, so the marriage was put off by a month."

"Exactly!"

"So what you're saying is that there is no difference between 'marriage' and 'wedding'. Is that right?"

"The two can be used synonymously in some contexts, not in all contexts. As I said, if you are referring to the ceremony, the two can be used interchangeably. If, on the other hand, you want to refer to the legal relationship entered upon by the groom and the bride, then you have to use 'marriage' and not 'wedding'. For example, my boss's daughter has a very unhappy marriage. I cannot say..."

"...my boss's daughter has a very unhappy wedding."

"That's right! Similarly, I can say, after twenty years of marriage, they decided to get a divorce."

"But you cannot say, after 20 years of wedding, they decided to get a divorce."

"Right again! The meaning of 'wedding' is restricted. It's used to refer to the ceremony; that is, the various functions and rituals that take place when two people tie the knot. The word 'marriage' has a broader meaning. It..."

"...a marriage continues even after the wedding is over."

"Exactly!"

"But tell me, why is your boss's daughter getting a divorce? She is such a nice homely person."

"Ah, 'homely'! You know, if you told a native speaker of English that his wife is homely, he would probably slap you."

"Really? Why?"

"Because when you describe a woman as being 'homely', it means that she is very plain. In other words, not very good-looking."

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THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

Tycho Brahe's documentation of a sudden new star in 1572, today identified as SN 1572 or 'Tycho's Supernova', marked a turning point in observational astronomy

Prathmesh Kher

QUESTION 1
In which constellation did Tycho Brahe observe the 1572 supernova?

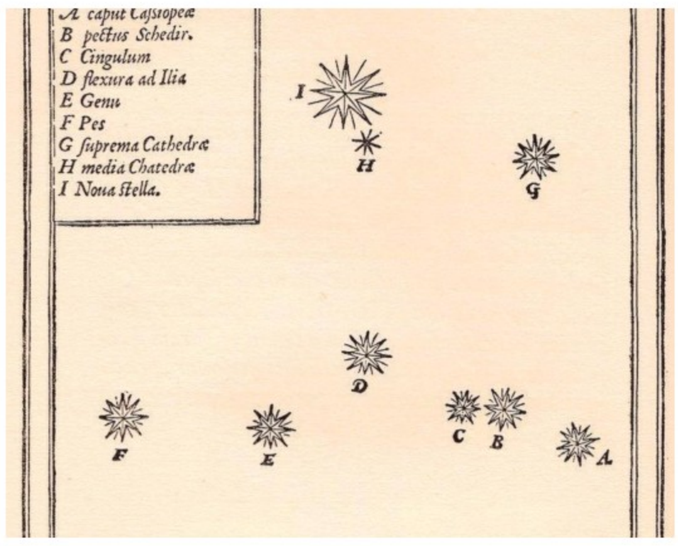
QUESTION 2
What title did Tycho Brahe give his 1573 treatise on the phenomenon (in Latin)?

QUESTION 3
Approximately how far away is the remnant of SN 1572 from Earth?

QUESTION 4
In the standard Type Ia supernova model, the class to which SN 1572 belongs, what initiates the explosion of the white dwarf?

QUESTION 5
Why were Tycho Brahe's observations considered groundbreaking?

QUESTION 6
Which philosophical or cosmological doctrine was unsettled by the appearance of SN 1572?



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Identify this image.

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The only other team apart from India, Australia and England to lift the cup. **Ans: New Zealand**
2. The overall prize money Indian women received for their winning effort. **Ans: $4.48 million**
3. These two Indian batters scored tons apart from Jemimah Rodrigues. **Ans: Pratika Rawal and Smriti Mandhana**
4. Name the three Indians who made it to the ICC's team of the tournament. **Ans: Smriti Mandhana, Deepti Sharma and Jemimah Rodrigues**
5. India's win in the semifinal was the highest chase in the history of Women's ODIs, eclipsing a mark set by Australia against this team. **Ans: India!**
6. The first acheived by Deepti Sharma against South Africa. **Ans: Score a half-century and take a five-for**
Visual: Name this player. **Ans: Kranti Goud**
Early Birds: Tamal Biswas| Haridas Pal| Dodo Jayaditya| Sudhir Thapa| Sumana Dutta

Word of the day

Provenance:
where something originated or was nurtured in its early existence

Synonyms: birthplace, cradle, place of origin

Usage: *It was a shawl of Iranian provenance.*

Pronunciation:
newsth.live/provenancepro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /ˈpɹɒ.və.nəns/, /ˈpɹɒ.vəˌnɒns/

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'Employing agency to be held responsible if gig workers violate rules'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

If a gig worker is involved in any crime or legal violation, the employing agency will also be held responsible, said City Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh.

The growing number of traffic violations and law and order cases involving delivery persons prompted the Bengaluru City Police (BCP) to convene a meeting with food aggregators and firms employing gig workers. There have been close to 70,000 violations by them, he said.

Meeting with employers
Speaking at the THTalks-Bengaluru, *The Hindu's* interactive programme on Monday, Mr. Singh said, "During our weekly meetings with Deputy Commissioners of Police (DCPs), where we analyse crime patterns, we noticed a trend of delivery partners breaking the law. We convened a meeting with the stakeholder agencies and presented them with data and videos showing their gig workers violating laws."

He added that many agencies fail to conduct proper background checks before hiring gig workers, which contributes to the problem. With only about 10% of gig workers registered, the city police have also discussed the issue with the Labour Department to raise awareness. Mr. Singh also highlighted that delivery partners often use small electric vehicles, which currently fall outside the purview of traffic regulations. However, he noted that such vehicles often create traffic issues and encroach upon footpaths, endangering pedestrians.

Mr. Singh stated that when gig workers rent scooters for deliveries, the vehicles are essentially performing duties for the hiring firm, so any violation involving the hired vehicle will be attributed to the firm as well.

SOP to be formulated
Police sources also said the city police have directed stakeholder firms to formulate a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) outlining expected behaviour and compliance rules for gig workers.

Ambit of law
Mr. Singh concluded by emphasising that businesses must ensure safety and operate strictly within the ambit of the law and the facilities extended to them.

Stringent action will be taken against misbehaviour, corruption, says S.K. Singh

The department is trying to repair the perception about the police among the public and make them more accessible, and our personnel need to be empathetic: City Police Commissioner

THTALKSBENGALURU

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Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh during the THTalksBengaluru on Monday. ALLEN EGENUSE J.

The Bengaluru City Police leadership will take stringent action against any police officers misbehaving, harassing citizens or indulging in corruption, said City Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh, while speaking at the THTalks-Bengaluru, *The Hindu's* interactive programme on Monday, where he answered readers' questions.

Responding to multiple questions from readers flagging instances of corruption, including police extorting money from shopkeepers and harassment, Mr. Singh pointed out that in the last five months since he took charge as Commissioner, he has had to suspend multiple officers where evidence pointed to corruption. "In the Police Department, corruption affects the victim who is already an aggrieved party, which cannot be tolerated. So in several instances, we have taken action and it will continue," he said. He apologised for instances of excesses by policemen during checking at night, raised by readers and appealed to the public to mail or WhatsApp him on his official number, 9480801001, regarding specific complaints and assured action.

Meanwhile, he said the department was trying its best to repair the perception of police among the public and make them more accessible. "When an individual walks into a police station, they are already aggrieved and in some sort of crisis. Our personnel need to be empathetic. From constabulary to the top officers, all of us are told this during our training. But many forget it in due course. We are introducing several in-service courses to correct these issues. We also regularly send decoys and call up stations to see how they respond," he said.

Many readers had flagged that those who do not know Kannada faced many hurdles interacting with the police. Mr. Singh said Bengaluru is a cosmopolitan city with people from across the country and the world working and staying here and language shouldn't be a barrier.

"If one of our personnel interacting with a person doesn't know the language the person speaks, the personnel should call someone else who understands the language. Most of the stations have people fluent in multiple languages. We have even made officers of Deputy Commissioner of Police rank liaison officers for communities like those from northeast India," he said.

Meanwhile, the city police is proactively reaching out to people under the 'Mane Manege Police' initiative.

"Under the initiative, latest data shows that we have reached 65% of the households and the process is still on. This is giving us a database of who stays where. There are several people staying alone, senior citizens, home-alone women, who may need our help. We are reaching out to them," he said.

From Page One

Prison row: Chief Prison Superintendent transferred

Addressing reporters after a high-level review meeting, Dr. Parameshwara said that two other officials had been suspended in connection with the incident. "The Superintendent of Prisons, Imam Sab Myageri, along with Assistant Superintendent Ashok Bhajantri have been suspended with immediate effect," he said.

Earlier, Dr. Parameshwara had said that such activities in the prison would not be tolerated and the head of prisons would be held accountable. The Home Department sought an explanation from the officials and the response was not satisfactory and hence action was taken, he added.

BJP protest
Meanwhile, the controversy triggered strong political reactions. Senior BJP leaders, including Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly R. Ashok and State BJP president B.Y. Vijayendra, were detained by the police on November 10 after they staged a protest against the alleged VIP treatment in State prisons. The police detained the leaders near Racecourse Road, where they were planning to march towards the Chief Minister's residence. "The detention was made to prevent a potential law and order issue," officials said.

The issue resurfaced last week after new videos emerged showing notorious inmates, including serial rapist Umesh Reddy and terror suspect Juhad Hameed Shakeel Manna, allegedly using smartphones and receiving preferential treatment inside the Parappana Agrahara Central Prison.

'Stopping vehicles for document check illegal'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

City Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh categorically said that traffic police personnel flagging down vehicles for document check was illegal and action would be taken against any personnel doing it. He was speaking at the THTalksBengaluru on Monday.

"I have given clear instructions that we should not be flagging down vehicles to check for documents. No one should be troubled over documents. We are not here to bother about documents and increasing our fine collection. We are here to ensure smooth movement of vehicles on the roads, especially during morning and evening peak hours. I will instruct the Joint Commissioner (Traffic) to take action against any officer flagging down vehicles for document checks," he said. Mr. Singh said towing would be back in the city albeit in a different mechanism.

Towing vehicles
"The Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) will provide us with towing vehicles, which are being produced now. We will focus mainly on high density corridors and not deploy them across the city," he said. Meanwhile, the city police have deployed more policemen on bikes (cobra beat) on these high density corridors to ensure there is no parking of vehicles blocking traffic. Mr. Singh said the traffic police had conducted a study and flagged over a 100 bus stops. "We have written to the GBA asking them to shift it either forward or backwards to ensure they do not block traffic. For instance, on Airport Road we now have a bus stop at a stretch where the highway is the narrowest, adding to congestion. We will get such bus stops shifted," he said. Responding to a question on penalising the Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) buses, Mr. Singh said the traffic police share the list of violations with the Managing Director, BMTC, regularly.

Speaking on traffic police seen filling potholes, Mr. Singh said that such instances had, of late, come down drastically.

"With the formation of the GBA and five city corporations, coordination between traffic police and civic agencies has improved. The BBMP commissioner was in charge of the whole city and coordination was tough. Now it is decentralised. All the agency chiefs, including myself, are huddled in a WhatsApp group, which has even the Chief Secretary, where issues are regularly flagged and addressed," he said.

On splitting the commissionerate

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Responding to a proposal to split the Bengaluru City Police Commissionerate into two, Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh said that splitting police administration poses a different set of challenges.

"For instance, if there is a VIP movement across the city, then there will be jurisdictional issues. Moreover, crime doesn't follow jurisdictions," the city Police Commissioner said, adding that if, however, the political leadership decided on splitting the commissionerate, they would welcome it.

'Those with grievances can complain on 112'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

City Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh said anyone with any complaints or grievances can call 112 and lodge their complaints.

"Everything you say on a call to 112 is on record. Even if you say a police officer is demanding a bribe or harassing you, even those are registered as complaints and referred to senior officers," he said. He was speaking at the THTalksBengaluru, responding to readers' questions on Monday.

Responding to concerns flagged over citizens not able to get through to 112 in their first attempt, Mr. Singh said there was a problem earlier, but it has been resolved now. "We have made a technology upgrade, doubling the number of calls our command centre can take at once. If earlier, we could take a hundred calls, now we can take 200 calls," he said.

A reader had written in as to how despite a specific request, women police personnel are not sent in Hoysalas that respond to a 112 call, Mr. Singh said women personnel may not be available at all times of the day. "The Hoysalas vehicles may not always have female personnel. In such scenarios, personnel from the local police station can join them," he said.

Mr. Singh said that feedback to 112 responses had been good and in cases where there was a negative feedback, such teams are called back and advised on what went wrong. "We have been able to nip many potential crimes in the bud because of 112," he said.

Commissioner defends night checks, promises action against harassment

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

If you are a night-time commuter, get used to police checks and interceptions - the system is here to stay.

Speaking at the THTalksBengaluru, *The Hindu's* interactive programme on Monday, Bengaluru City Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh said that night-time checking and vigilance are part of basic policing, and the department is committed to continuing them.

He was responding to a question on alleged harassment by police during night checks. "There may be isolated cases, and we acknowledge that. But this system exists for the larger safety of citizens and as a measure to curb night-time crimes," he said. "If anyone faces harassment from officers, we urge them to immediately dial 112 or bring it to the notice of the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) of the respective jurisdiction. Immediate action will be taken against any officer found involved in such misconduct," Mr. Singh added. Citizens can either call 112 or visit the Bengaluru City Police website to access the contact numbers of all DCPs. "Bengaluru's nightlife extends till 1 a.m., with constant movement of people, including night-shift employees and inter-State travellers. In such situations, the chances of road rage, robbery, theft, and drug-related offences are high. Visible police presence helps deter rowdy elements and criminal activity," he said.

BANGALORE WEST CITY CORPORATION
Office of the Executive Engineer, Yediyur Division, 4th Cross, Jayanagara 7th Block, Bengaluru - 560 070.

No.:EE(YD)/TEND/01/2025-26 Date:10.11.2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPP Portal Only) (Two Tender Document System)

The Executive Engineer (Yediyur Division), BWCC, invites tenders from eligible Contractors registered in Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / or any State Government Organisations for the construction of work detailed in the table below.

Sl.No.	Name of the work
1.	Comprehensive development of road and drains and other allied works in ward no 165,166 and 167 under chief minister Infrastructure Grant (CMIDP). (Comprising of 12 Works in G.O. BWCC Sl. No. 85, 87, 88, 89, 90, 92, 93, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99). PACKAGE No-01. Amount put to tender: **Rs. 819.83 Lakhs.** EMD : **Rs. 12,30,000/-**
2.	Comprehensive development of road and drains and Construction of ward building and other allied works in ward no 161,165 and 183 under chief minister Infrastructure Grant (CMIDP). (Comprising of 11 Works in G.O. BWCC Sl. No. 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 86, 102, 103, 104, 105,106). PACKAGE No-02. Amount put to tender: **Rs. 799.87 Lakhs.** EMD : **Rs. 12,00,000/-**
3.	Construction and additional development of Building, Parks and Skating ground in ward no 161,165,166 and 167 under chief minister Infrastructure Grant (CMIDP). (Comprising of 5 Works in G.O. BWCC Sl. No. 84, 91, 94, 100, 101). PACKAGE No-03. Amount put to tender: **Rs. 799.87 Lakhs.** EMD : **Rs. 12,00,000/-**

1) Tender documents can be downloaded from KPP portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 13.11.2025, 17.30 Hrs. onwards. 2)** Pre bid meeting: **18.11.2025 at 16.00 Hrs.** in the office of the Chief Engineer, Malleswaram Zone, BWCC, Palike Soudha Building, 1st Floor, 14th cross, Chandra Layout, Bangalore-560072. **3)** Last Date for uploading the Filled Tender Document : **28.11.2025 upto 17.30 Hrs. 4)** Opening of Technical bids: **29.11.2025 at 17.30 Hrs.** Further details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Yediyur Division, BWCC.

Orbit Wallet RuPay prepaid card for member-firms of Electronics City Industries' Association launched

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

On World Public Transport Day on Monday, a new initiative promoting sustainable urban travel was launched with the introduction of the Orbit Wallet RuPay prepaid card for employees of Electronics City Industries' Association (ELCIA) member-companies.

Public transport use
The National Common Mobility Card (NCMC)-compliant RuPay prepaid card aims to encourage public transport use by enabling commuters to pay seamlessly for metro, bus, and other eco-friendly transport modes.

The project, part of the Station Access and Mobility Program (STAMP) - Nudging Commuter Behaviour, is a collaboration between Toyota Mobility Foundation (TMF), WRI India, and ELCIA, supported by the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) and the Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC).

All-in-one
The card integrates transport, shopping, and digital payments into a single platform, offering employees a convenient and tech-driven solution for daily commutes. Shikha Chouksey, co-founder of Orbit Wallet, said, "Today, many companies support personal vehicle use through fuel reimbursements and parking benefits. Through Orbit Wallet's smart cards, we're enabling corporates to extend similar benefits to employees using metros and buses, rewarding sustainable commuting choices. We are beginning this initiative with the Yellow Line, bringing innovation and convenience to public transit through smart, interoperable payment solutions."

Replicated
The ELCIA representatives stated that improving public transport access is central to building a smarter, more sustainable business district. Srinivas Alavilli, fellow, Integrated Transport, WRI India, said, "The objective of the Nudge Challenge is to introduce innovative incentive mechanisms for employees of Electronics City to switch to public transport. The Orbit Wallet users in ELCIA will receive benefits of ₹1,500 to switch to Metro. We hope this inspires over 200 MSMEs in ELCIA to roll out these cards to their employees. We hope that the initiative will serve as a model that can be replicated in other employment hubs across Bengaluru."

Benefits
Employees too have welcomed the initiative. Shreyas S., vice-president (Strategy and Growth) at ABI Health, based in Electronics City, told *The Hindu*, "There are huge benefits from this card for our colleagues. Two of my colleagues travel daily from as far as R.R. Nagar and Rajajinagar using multiple metro lines to reach office. For them, this card is extremely useful. The government should encourage such initiatives as they will help more people adopt public transport."

How Orbit Wallet works

- Employees of Electronics City Industries' Association member companies to receive the card
- ₹1500 pre-loaded for employees
- ₹750 given upfront loaded in the card
- ₹750 given as cashback based on metro usage
- Employees are expected to switch to metro to take advantage of this incentive
- Usable for metro, bus, and other transport payments
- Metro offers 10% discount on non-peak hours and 5% discount during peak hours
- Additional 10% cashback for metro users under the Nudge programme

Timings
BENGALURU

TUESDAY, NOV. 11
RISE 06:16 SET 17:51
RISE 23:46 SET 12:00

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 12
RISE 06:17 SET 17:51
RISE 00:00 SET 12:45

THURSDAY, NOV. 13
RISE 06:17 SET 17:51
RISE 00:40 SET 13:25

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	31	21
Mysuru	31	17
Bengaluru	29	18

Bengaluru Today
28°C The weather will be dry. Day will be comfortable. Night will be slight cool.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
29°C Morning will be slight cool. Day will be slight warm. Night will be pleasant. Dry weather to prevail.

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HC issues SOP for handling cases of minor victims of sexual offences

A vital provision of the High Court's Standard Operating Procedure is the direction to establish Digital POCSO Portal, a secure, cloud-based platform integrated with national systems

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BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has issued a technology-driven Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) titled, "SOP for Protection and Rehabilitation of Minor Victims of Sexual Offences, 2025," which would be in force till the State government frames a SOP in consultation with experts.

The court issued the SOP after noticing that the authorities had not only neglected their duties under laws but had also ignored several directions issued by the court on medical termination of pregnancy and rehabilitation of minor victims of sexual offences.

Justice Suraj Govindaraj issued the directions while allowing the petition of a 13-year-old girl, who became pregnant due to sexual assault, for medical termination of pregnancy.

While directing the Principal Secretary, Women and Child Welfare, and the Director-General of Police (DGP) to formulate a final SOP based on expert input, the court said its SOP would be operative as an "indicative" one till such time.

Highlights of High Court-issued 'indicative' SOP

- To ensure swift, coordinated, and tech-driven handling of child sexual offence cases
- A unified, secure, and real-time tracking system for all PCOSO cases
- Integrated with national data base- CCTNS and e-Courts
- Each child victim to be assigned Pseudonym Identity (PID) to maintain confidentiality
- Automated alerts for delay in investigation, medical reports and compensation payments
- All compensation payment through DBT

- Confidential and trauma-informed counselling for child victims for pregnancy decisions

Integrated system

The court's SOP proposes a unified, time-bound, and technology-integrated system for managing cases of child sexual abuse – from the initial report to complete rehabilitation – with the objective of eliminating bureaucratic delays, inter-departmental silos, and repeated trauma for victims.

The framework of SOP is based on legislations like the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012, Juvenile Justice (JJ) Act, 2015, Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) Act, 2021, and the Digital Personal Data Protection (DPD) Act, 2023, etc.

The vital provision of the SOP is the direction to establish Digital POCSO Portal (DPP) – a secure, cloud-based platform integrated with national systems such as the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network System (CCTNS) – and the e-Courts Mission Mode Project.

The SOP states that every case would be digitally tracked in real time, ensuring "zero delay" in every procedural step.

Absolute confidentiality

Each victim, the SOP says, will have to be assigned a Pseudonym Identifier (PID) to guarantee absolute confidentiality; and sensitive personal data will have to be stored in an encrypted "Identity Vault," accessible only with judicial authorisation to protect the right to privacy over digitally stored data.

The court's SOP sets out a strict confidentiality and counselling protocol for cases involving pregnancy of minor victims, who are entitled to unbiased, trauma-informed counselling on both continuation and termination of pregnancy.

If MTP is chosen, it must comply with the MTP Act, 2021, allowing termination up to 24 weeks with consent from the minor and guardian – or, if necessary, from the Child Welfare Committee. Beyond 24 weeks, the court's approval and a medical board's recommendation are required and all proceedings will remain confidential and encrypted on the DPP.

Karnataka records 24% drop in maternal deaths

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Karnataka has recorded a 24% reduction in maternal deaths this year – from January to October –compared to the corresponding period in 2024.

While 483 maternal deaths were reported in the first 10 months of 2024, the number has come down to 366 in 2025.

This follows strict monitoring and audit of every maternal death by a State-level committee that was set up in the aftermath of the Ballari maternal deaths in November last year, according to Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao.

Mission zero

He said to further improve the quality and safety of maternal and newborn care across health facilities, the Health Department had launched the "Mission Zero Preventable Maternal Deaths" initiative.

As part of this ongoing effort, the State had now issued a new Government Order (GO) to rationalise and optimally deploy key specialists – obstetricians, anaesthetists, and paediatricians – across Karnataka.

The move aimed to ensure that every taluk hospital and well-performing community health centre (CHC) provided round the clock comprehensive emergency obstetric and newborn care (CEmONC) services, Mr. Gundu Rao said.

According to the GO, all 147 taluk hospitals and 42 well-performing CHCs (those conducting 30 or more deliveries a month) will be strengthened as CEmONC centres.

Each centre will have two specialists each in obstetrics, anaesthesia, and paediatrics, along with a radiologist and a physician. Remote areas such as M.M. Hills will continue as full CEmONC facilities, given their hard-to-reach terrain and distance from other referral centres.

Tamil Nadu model

Harsh Gupta, Principal Secretary, Health, said the rationalisation exercise was based on the Tamil Nadu model.

"The redeployment will be done through counselling. To achieve equitable distribution of specialists, those currently serving in low-performing CHCs will be redeployed to high-delivery-load facilities. The government will also mobilise 404 medical officers from the existing sanctioned posts. Nurses from underperforming 24/7 primary health centres (PHCs) will be reassigned to strengthen delivery points," he said, adding that Tamil Nadu had been following this model for four years.

The Minister also said 104 new radiologist posts and 23 physician posts had been created additionally.

At the district level, 125 super-specialist posts – including cardiologists, neurologists, nephrologists, oncologists, pulmonologists, and critical care specialists – would be created under the Compulsory Medical Service Scheme to manage advanced maternal and newborn complications, he said.

He said the exercise will be implemented under Rule 15(1)(c) of the Karnataka Civil Services (Regulation of Transfer of Medical Officers and Other Staff) Rules, 2025. The initiative is designed to be budget-neutral, relying on redeployment and transfers from existing sanctioned posts, he said.

Mobile-based attendance to be linked to staff salaries

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Health Department, which recently rolled out a mobile-based, geo-fenced, real-time attendance system for its employees, is now moving to link attendance records with staff salaries, including those of doctors.

Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao said all department staff – from hospitals to the commissionerate and allied offices – must mark their attendance using their mobile phones.

"The system records the exact location from which an employee logs in. With 95% of our permanent staff now registered, we are able to monitor real-time attendance of over 85% of employees. The next step is to link this data with salary disbursement. Salaries of those whose attendance is not satisfactory will be proportionately cut," the Minister told presspersons on Monday.

Principal Secretary, Health, Harsh Gupta said the new system left "no room for foul play." The Aadhaar-linked system used face authentication and location-matching features. "In case of any suspicion, we will send random alerts to staff, including doctors. They must record their attendance from their workplace within five minutes," Mr. Gupta explained.

Bolstered by increase in cover with planting of 1.5 crore saplings, Vijayapura's green dreams grow bigger

B.S. Satish Kumar
BENGALURU

Divya, who moved from Mandya to Vijayapura over 10 years ago as her husband got a posting there, had a tough time coping with the hot weather and dusty environment.

She was keen to shift out as she used to frequently face problems like nose bleeding due to high temperature. But now she feels that Vijayapura is "bearable" and that there is some positive change in the weather.

Like Divya, a large number of local people feel that there is some positive change in the environment. A "green revolution" of sorts has unfolded in Vijayapura, marking a significant increase in green cover as over 1.5 crore saplings have been planted in different parts of the district in the last nine years.

The process has been sustainable as it involves not just the government, but various organisations and people from different walks of life.

Saplings planted in Vijayapura since 2016 have increased the district's green cover from the earlier 0.17 per cent to 2.4 per cent now. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

> After this initiative, Vijayapura has secured the third position in the country for good air quality. The groundwater level has increased and soil fertility has improved
>
> **M.B. PATIL,**
> Vijayapura district in-charge Minister

Significant increase

The initiative has pushed up the forest cover of this district from the earlier 0.17% to 2.40% of the total land area, according to Vijayapura district in-charge Minister M.B. Patil, who spearheaded the campaign.

"After this initiative, Vijayapura has secured the third position in the country for good air quality. The groundwater level has increased and soil fertility has improved. The average temperature has dropped by 0.5°C, while annual rainfall has risen from 550 mm to about 650 mm. The number of rainy days in the district too has increased from 20 to 30 days to nearly 40 days a year," claimed the Minister.

New target

Encouraged by this, now a new target of planting an additional 3.5 crore saplings by 2030 has been set to take the total number of plants to 5 crore, according to him. "When I was the district in-charge Minister in the previous term (around 2015), a subject related to forest cover came up during the Karnataka Development Project meeting, and I casually enquired with the forest officials about the national, State average and Vijayapura's position with respect to forest cover. I was informed that Vijayapura district had a meagre 0.17% forest cover as against the national average of 30% and a range of 15% to 20% in some States. Shocked, I started thinking seriously about increasing the green cover," Mr. Patil says.

The parched condition of the district, despite being a land of five rivers, was one of the reasons for the low forest cover.

However, the district got about 85 tmcft of Krishna waters and the water had started reaching most of the farmers' fields in the command areas due to completion of some pending works.

Using this, several tanks were filled which helped in improving groundwater table.

Taking advantage of water availability, "Koti Vruksha Abhiyan" (campaign for crore saplings) was launched through the district administration in 2016. Initially, it was planned to plant 10 lakh saplings a year for five years and 165 varieties of plants that would suit the local conditions were chosen. It soon became a people's movement as more than 20 organisations became part of it and common people, including farmers, joined hands.

Vrukshathon 2025 on December 7

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

This year's edition of Vrukshathon, a marathon run, being organised by various organisations in Vijayapura since 2016 to promote awareness about environment and monuments, will be held on December 7 in which about 15,000 persons are expected to participate.

Announcing this at a press conference here on Monday, Large and Medium Industries Minister M. B. Patil, who is also in charge of Vijayapura district, said the event would feature 5 km, 10 km, and 21 km runs, and it is open to participants of all age groups. Interested individuals can register at https://vrukshathon.co.in, he said.

Relocation of human settlements inside forest areas is being reviewed: Khandre

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Minister for Forest, Ecology, and Environment Eshwar Khandre on Monday said that as the wildlife population in the State has increased, the relocation of human settlements inside the forest is being reviewed.

He said that strict measures undertaken by the Forest Department against wildlife poaching has resulted in an increase in the number of wildlife. However, the forest area has not increased in line with the increasing number of wildlife, which has led to human-wildlife conflict.

Eshwar Khandre

"The number of tigers in Bandipur, which was only 12 in 1972, has increased to more than 170 today, so the weak tigers are coming out of the forest and incidents of human-wildlife conflict are happening," he said.

In order to address this, Mr. Khandre said that a meeting, to be chaired by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, would be held soon to improve the coordination between various departments.

"By relocating the human settlements inside the forest, the forest dwellers and their children will enter the mainstream of society. In addition, human-wildlife conflict will also be reduced. Compensation will have to be given for the relocation. It will have to be done in stages. This will be possible if money is allocated for this in the State Budget," he said.

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Ref No.3385773/IT-DMG/2025 Dated: 10.11.2025

Request for Proposal (RFP)

The Director of Mines and Geology, Telangana State invites Request for Proposal (RFP) from interested bidders for Empanelment of Agencies for Supply, Installation, Integration and Maintenance of ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) Systems in Mining Leases, Quarry Leases, and Mineral Dealer Areas in Telangana State.

Interested may visit Mines & Geology Department Website **(https://mines.telangana.gov.in/MinesAndGeology/Views/Index.aspx)** to download the RFP Document (free of cost).

The RFP along with Application shall be filed on or before 11.11.2025 by 5.00 P.M in the Office of the Director of Mines and Geology in the address mentioned herein. For further details contact the telephone number mentioned herein.

Sd/-
Director of Mines & Geology(FAC)
Government of Telangana

DIPR R.O.No.823-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2025-26 Dt:10.11.2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the partnership firm M/s. Annapurneshwari Builders and Developers, having its office at Sy No. 17, Shop No.15 Kodigehalli Main Road Sahakar Nagar Post, Bangalore-560092, has been reconstituted with effect from 18.07.2025 by admitting Mr.Mahadevaraju and Mr./Ms. Issac Gilbert as new partners.

The firm will continue to carry on business under the same name and address.

If anyone has any objection to the said reconstitution, they may contact the undersigned at the above address within 7 days from the date of this notice.

For **M/s. Annapurneshwari Builders and Developers**
Managing Partners

Place:Bangalore
Date:10.11.2025

BENGALURU SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT LIMITED
Office of the Deputy General Manager-1, 1st Floor, Thimmaiah Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru-560052.

No:DGM-1/BSWML/PR/271/2025-26 Date: 10.11.2025

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)
(Through GOK KPP Portal only)

The Deputy General Manager-1, Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited on behalf of the Managing Director, BSWML, Bengaluru invites tenders from Rag pickers/Rag Pickers Association/Self Help Groups/Non-Government Organisations/C&T Contractors for the operation and maintenance of Dry Waste Collection Centres for a period of 5 years. The interested tenderers may submit tenders through KPP portal of the Government of Karnataka viz. https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. The tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in the bid document. For other details refer bid document.

CALENDER OF EVENTS: 1) Last date to upload pre-bid queries: 19.11.2025 upto 17.30 Hrs. in KPP Portal. 2) Pre bid meeting: 24.11.2025 at 15.00 Hrs at the office of CE & CGM (Tech), BSWML, Thimmaiah Road, Vasanthanagar, Bangalore. 3) Last date for submission of the bids: 11.12.2025 upto 16.00 Hrs. 4) Date of opening of bid: 12.12.2025 after 16.30 Hrs.

Sd/-
Deputy General Manager-1,
BSWML, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/3695/CCL/2025-26

IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT DEVANAHALLI
O.S NO. 767 0F 2008

BETWEEN : SHRI. K V SHIVA KUMAR. Son of Shri. K Vishwanathaiah Setty, Aged about 61 years, residing at Rajatha No. 3, Church Road, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru - 560004. **...PLAINTIFF**
AND: SHRI. DODDAVENKATASWAMY & OTHERS
...DEFENDANTS

NOTICE ON I. A No. 4 TO 6 TO DEFENDANT No.5(c)

D.5(C). SHRI. SHASHIKUMAR B N, Son of Late Shri. Nagaraju, Aged about 25 years, residing at Shettarahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District.

Whereas, the Plaintiff has instituted the above Suit against the Defendants for Specific Performance I respect of the Schedule property and other consequential reliefs and filed I.a No.4 to 6 to bring/ add Defendant No.5 (c).

Take notice / summons that you are hereby called upon to appear before this Hon'ble Court in person or through Advocate on **15/12/25 at 11.00 am** to contest in the above suit, failing which the matter will be heard and determined ex-parte.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Survey No.8. situated at Shettarahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli Devanahalli Taluk, measuring 1 Acre and bounded on : **East by :** Mud Road, **West by :** Property belonging to the Plaintiff (Nandini Farm), **North by :** Land belonging to S Muniyappa. **South by :** Land belonging to Tayappa.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court, on 6/11/25

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli

Lex Scripta Advocates, Advocates for Plaintiff,
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OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

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W/o. Late S Mahalingam
Retd. Indian Bank
Expired on 6th November 2025
Dasasthu on 15th November 2025
at Hyderabad
Shankar - Varalakshmi
9848030865 - 9963531425
Abitha - Ramadoss
9836220033 - 9331765085

Shradhanjali

Sri S. KRISHNAMURTHY
S/o Kovai Subri and Kamala Subramaniam
Retd CMD GIC Mumbai

Attained the Lotus Feet of Bhagwan on 10-11-2025 at 2 am

Grieved by Mr. K. Sriram, Dr. Nandhini and Dr. S.R. Krishnamurthy, Dr. K. Giridhar and Mrs. Radha

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Delhi blast: Security to be tightened across Karnataka

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah

Security will be tightened across Karnataka in the wake of the blast in Delhi, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has said.

Speaking to reporters here on Monday evening, the Chief Minister said he would speak to the Director-General of Police to tighten security across the State.

Directions had been issued to take all necessary security measures at railway stations, bus stands, airports and other densely populated areas, he said.

"I have spoken to the Mysuru city police. I will also speak to Bengaluru city police and the State Director-General of Police and other senior officials," Mr. Siddaramaiah said.

He also offered condolences to the families of the victims of the blast in Delhi, who lost their lives.

INBRIEF

Azharuddin takes charge as Minister of Minority Affairs

Congress leader Mohammed Azharuddin took charge as Minister of Minority Affairs and Public Enterprises at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana State Secretariat in Hyderabad on Monday. The former cricketer was sworn in as a Minister on October 31, 2025. Mr. Azharuddin is the 16th member of the Council of Ministers. His name was cleared for nomination to the Legislative Council under Governor's quota in August.

Sharavati project: Panel defers proposal to divert forestland

Proposed Pumped Storage Project aims to generate 2,000 MW of power in the valley and requires diversion of 54.155 hectares of land

The Hindu Bureau
SHIVAMOGGA

The proposed Sharavati Pumped Storage Project, aimed to generate 2,000 MW of power in the valley, has met with a hurdle as the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) decided to defer the proposal and seek clarifications from the State government.

The Forest Department officials have identified and numbered trees to be cut for the pumped storage project in parts of Sagar and Honnavar taluks. FILE PHOTO

Karnataka Power Corporation Limited (KPCL), the project proponent, has sought forest clearance from the Union Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change. The project requires diversion of 54.155 hectares of forestland in villages of Sagar and Honnavar divisions. The project came up before the FAC in its meeting held on October 27.

In minutes of the meeting, the committee noted: "After going through the facts of the proposal and submissions made by the nodal officer of the Karnataka government, the committee deferred the proposal and sought clarifications."

The committee stated that the government shall explore alternatives to the underground road and asked to file a comprehensive reply.

The project involves construction of pumped storage scheme of 2,000 MW utilising the existing Talakalale and Gerusoppa reservoirs. Both the reservoirs will be connected with a water conductor system. An underground powerhouse cavern with eight units of 250 MW reversible pump turbine will come between the reservoirs.

Objections raised

The FAC took note of the spot inspection report filed by Praneetha Paul, Deputy Inspector-General of Forest (DIGF), from the regional office of the MOEF and Climate Change. The report did not recommend the project citing that the proposed forest area falls inside the Sharavati Valley Lion Tailed Macaque Wildlife Sanctuary, which is part of the central regions of the Western Ghats.

Further, the FAC considered the observations of the standing committee of the National Board of Wildlife (SCNBW) made in its 84th meeting held on June 26, 2025. The committee had recommended the proposal in principle with certain conditions, including reducing the number of trees enumerated for felling. It had directed a committee that includes three members and a nominee of the Ministry to visit the site and submit a report.

Wildlife mitigation plan

Now, the FAC has decided to consider the findings of the committee formed to inspect the site before taking its decision. It asked the State government to submit the copy of the report of the committee. However, the committee is yet to visit the site. Besides that, the FAC asked the government to submit the Wildlife Mitigation Plan for the project.

An official of the KPCL, responding to the observations of the FAC, said it would take it up once the sub-committee of the SCNBW submits its site inspection report. The KPCL had been in touch with the committee and it might visit the site within a few days.

Kerala local body polls to be held in two phases

Tiki Rajwi
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The 2025 local body elections in Kerala will be held in two phases on December 9 and December 11, State Election Commissioner A. Shajahan said in Thiruvananthapuram on Monday, announcing the schedule of the elections.

Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Pathanamthitta, Kottayam, Idukki, Alappuzha and Ernakulam will go to polls on December 9. Thrissur, Malappuram, Wayanad, Palakkad, Kannur, Kasaragod, and Kozhikode on December 11.

The votes will be counted on December 13 from 8 a.m. at multiple counting centres across the State. Nominations can be filed up to November 21. The scrutiny of the nomination papers will be held on November 22. The last date for withdrawal of nominations is November 24.

Model code in force

With the announcement of the schedule, the model code of conduct has come into force in the State. The code will be strictly enforced, Mr. Shajahan said.

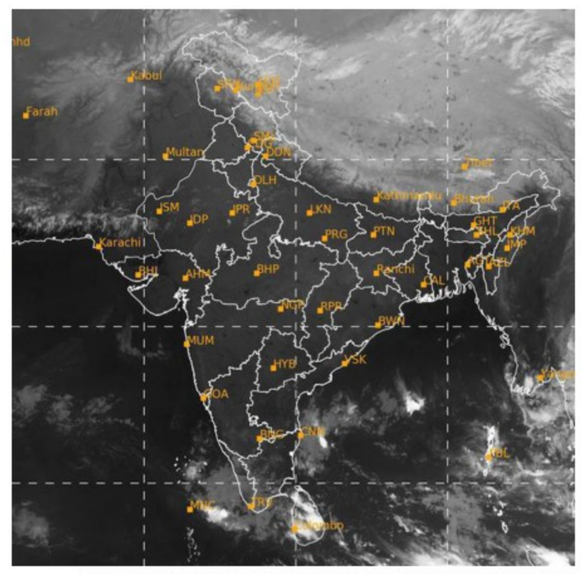
Polling will be held from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.Elections are to be held to 1,199 of the 1,200 local bodies.

Following the delimitation exercise in Kerala, the number of wards in the 1,200 local bodies had risen to 23,612.

Elections will be held to 17,337 wards in the gram panchayats, 2,267 wards in the block panchayats, 346 district panchayat wards.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.15 HRS)

Forecast for Tuesday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Kerala and Mahe. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal and Lakshadweep. Cold wave conditions likely at isolated places over Punjab, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Odisha, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	30.6	20.0	Kozhikode	—	32.2	26.0
Ahmedabad	—	31.4	15.0	Kurnool	—	32.0	19.5
Aizawl	—	30.6	19.8	Lucknow	—	28.5	12.6
Allahabad	—	28.4	11.0	Madurai	—	31.0	24.6
Bengaluru	—	28.6	17.5	Mangaluru	—	32.0	22.0
Bhopal	—	28.3	8.8	Mumbai	—	32.6	19.0
Bhubaneswar	—	30.7	14.8	Mysuru	—	30.2	19.0
Chandigarh	—	29.0	10.2	New Delhi	—	27.5	10.4
Chennai	—	32.0	24.1	Patna	—	27.7	17.0
Coimbatore	—	30.4	23.0	Port Blair	—	32.0	23.7
Dehradun	—	28.5	11.7	Puducherry	—	32.4	23.7
Gangtok	—	21.4	12.2	Pune	—	30.9	16.4
Goa	—	31.9	20.6	Raipur	—	29.1	14.5
Guwahati	—	29.7	21.2	Ranchi	—	27.0	14.3
Hubballi	—	28.0	16.0	Shillong	—	21.0	11.1
Hyderabad	—	29.6	15.5	Shimla	—	21.4	10.4
Imphal	—	28.8	19.3	Srinagar	—	16.5	-0.1
Jaipur	—	29.4	13.4	Thiruvananthapuram	30	30.4	21.9
Kochi	—	27.8	24.2	Tiruchi	—	32.7	24.0
Kohima	—	25.0	16.6	Vijayawada	—	31.8	22.4
Kolkata	—	30.0	19.6	Visakhapatnam	—	30.5	23.2

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.44	.47	.38	212	136	
Bengaluru	3	.25	.18	60	306	
Chennai	5	5	.48	123	115	
Delhi	.59	113	107	409	399	
Hyderabad	2	.19	.44	163	111	
Kolkata	5	.11	.36	255	171	
Lucknow	6	.50	.18	240	146	
Mumbai	4	.40	.30	180	184	
Pune	2	.19	.31	94	124	
Visakhapatnam	.31	.64	.17	214	190	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Baghpat, Uttar Pradesh recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 381 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Shillong, Meghalaya recorded a healthy AQI score of 23

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department. Office of the Executive Engineer Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department Division Koppal. Phone & Fax No : 08539-220054 email: eemidnkst@rediffmail.com

No:EE/MI&GWDD/Koppal/PB/TP/2025-26/3799 **Dated:07.11.2025**

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER

The Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department Division Koppal invites tenders from the eligible tenderers registered civil contractors as per standard bid documents KW-1,2,&3 on KPPP portal for 14 no of tender works pertaining to Koppal district. The amount put to tender for the mentioned work varies from Rs.10.00 to 70.00Lakhs. The tenderers may submit tenders for the mentioned work through E-procurement portal only. Two cover tender procedure as per rule 28 of the KTTP act shall be followed.

For more information the contractor can contact the under signed during office hours and all information regarding tenders can be had from website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. The tender documents can be downloaded from the above website address on or after **11.11.2025**. Last date & time for receipt of tender is **19.11.2025** time 17.30 hours, Pre bid meeting will be held on **17.11.2025** 11.00 Hours, Date & time for opening of technical bid **21.11.2025** time 11.00 hours, date and time for opening of financial bid **24.11.2025** time 11.00 hours (If technical bid sanction is accorded by the competent authority).

Sd/-Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department Division Koppal.

DIPR/Koppal/442/KSMCA/2025-26

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client, Mrs. Latha G Khona, intends to buy the property bearing **Site No. 75, EPID No. 7210167511, previously bearing "Byatarayanapura" City Municipal Council Katha No. 10/5-75 of "Pennfield Gardens" situated at Srirampura Village, Jakkur, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, now under BBMP ward No. 5.**

Any person(s) having any objection, claim, interest or dispute to the above intended sale, the schedule property or any part thereof, by way of sale, exchange, gift, mortgage, lien, inheritance, lease, possession, trust or otherwise, is/are hereby requested to make the same known in writing together with any supporting documents to the undersigned at their office address given below **before 17th of November 2025 (17.11.2025).**

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 10.11.2025

Sd/-
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Advocate
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Director General of Police, DIRECTORATE OF CIVIL RIGHTS ENFORCEMENT
No.1, Technical Education Board, 1st Floor, Palace Road, Bengaluru-560001. Phone No. 080: 22268723, 22260827
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Tender Notification (Through e-procurment Portal)

Tender No. KSP/2025-26/IND0366 **D:30.10.2025**

Director General of Police, DCRE Bengaluru has invited a tender for supply of State map, District map, Range map, Taluk map, DCRE EMBLEM, ORGANIZATION CHART, for the DCRE unit through e-procurement portal & EMD Amount **Rs. 1,50,000.** The last date and time of tender submission is **30/10/2025 to 14/11/2025.** For further more details pls visit the e-procurement portal **https://kppp/karnataka.gov.in.** or please contact the above office.

Sd/-
Superintendent of Police (admin)
DCRE, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/3643/SSC/2025-26

Government of Karnataka
KARNATAKA MEDICAL COLLEGE AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE, HUBBALLI - 580021.
Ph : (O) 0836-2373348, Fax :0836-2373724

No.: KMC&RI/Adhoc/199/2025-26 **Dated : 10-11-2025**

WALK-IN-INTERVIEW

Walk-in-interview will be conducted, applications are invited for **Medical Officer - 01** post under KSAPS in ART Centre on contract basis. Interested and eligible candidates may apply.

Qualification, experience and other details are available on website: **https: //kmcrihubballi.karnataka.gov.in/english**

Sd/- Director,
Karnataka Medical College & Research Institute, Hubballi

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprises)
Office of the Executive Engineer KNNL, GRBCC Division No 3 Gokak. Taluka:GokK, Dst:Belagavi. State:Karnataka. Pin:591307. Ph No:08332-225213

No : KNNL/GRBCCD-3/DB/H/AC 4701 M & MI/Tender/2025-26/04 **ದಿನಾಂಕ:-10-11-2025**

Short term Brief Tender Notification (Through KPP Portal only)

On behalf of the Managing Director Karnataka Neeravari Nigama Limited, Bangalore, the Executive Engineer, KNNL, GRBCC Division No-3 Gokak, Belagavi District in Karnataka State invites tender on Standard Bid document in two cover system of eligible valid KPWD Registered contractors through KPP portal.

No of works : 03.Work Indent Nos: 3368,3384 & 1688. Approximately Amount Put To tender: Rs 41.46 Lakhs to 317.35 Lakhs (Excluding GST)

The Contractor can have access to the e-tender document, i.e. the Tender schedules, bid documents and other documents in the web site https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in on payment of transaction fee (non-refundable) from : 13-11-2025 to 21-11-2025 upto 16.00 Hours.The Pre-bid meeting (Above 100.00 Lakhs work only) will be on 17-11-2025, 11.00 am in this office. The queries if any are to be sent by the intending bidders to the Executive Engineer on or before 18-11-2025, 17.00 Hrs. Last date of bid submission 21-11-2025 16.00 Hrs. Technical bid opening in this office on 24-11-2025 11.00 Hrs. Financial bid opening will be done after approval of technical bid. Further information can be had from the office of the Executive Engineer, KNNL GRBCC Division No-3, Gokak, Belagavi District, State: Karnataka during office hours. Phone No: 08332-225213 & e-mail Id: knnlgrbccd3.gokak@gmail.com. Other conditions are as published in KPP portal only. Further if any Corrigendum / Addendum or any modifications of this tender will be published in the web site of KPP Portal only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, KNNL, GRBCC Div No 3 Gokak.

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-1280/KSMCA/2025-26

TOWN PLANING AUTHORITY, SINDAGI
E-mail: tpasindagi@gmail.com
ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ನಯೋಪ್ರಾಸಿಂ/ಎ1/ಮ.ಯೋ.(ಪ–2)/2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ:10.11.2025

Quotation Inviting Notification

Sindagi Planning Authority Sindgi invites rates for preparation of Master plan (R-2) for Local Planning Area (existing and Extended)254.55 Sq.Km under the karnatak Town & Planning Act 1961. The Master Plan has to be prepared under G.I.S, based Amrut T.O.R guidelines (Which includes procurement of satellite images from NRSC Hyderabad and collection of data's and other relevant documents from concerned Authorites) interested eligible agencies are requested to submit the rates for Master Plan preparation within 7 days. For further details kindly contact this office.

These rates are considered only for preparation of estimate.

Sd/- Member Secretary, Town Planing Authority, Sindagi

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POLICE DEPARTMENT
Office of the Director General of Police, C.I.D, Special Units and Economic Offences, Carlton House, Palace Road, Bengaluru – 560 001.

No.: 02/STS-1/Upgradation/Crypto Currency/CID/2025-26 **Dated: 10/11/2025**

E-PROCUREMENT NOTICE

30 days E-Tender is invited in "Two Cover System" as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act, 1999 and rules, 2000 through e-Procurement portal of Government of Karnataka (www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in) for the supply/maintenance of below mentioned Softwares/Components under "Upgradation of Cyber Crime Division, CID" Scheme.

Sl. No.	Name of the Item/ Component	Qty	Approximate Cost in Rs.	Last date for bid submission
"Upgradation of Cyber Crime Division, CID" Scheme				
1	Advanced Tool for Crypto Currency investigation (01 License)	01 No	₹ 3,80,00,000.00	08.12.2025 at 17-00 Hours

In order to participate in e-Procurement platform all the intended Tenderers have to register in the e-Procurement portal. A training program in e-Procurement is organized by e-Procurement cell. The Tenderers who participate in the e-Procurement Tender can take assistance with e-Procurement help desk at 080-46010000, 080-68948777. It is mandatory for Tenderers to register in e-Procurement platform.

Please visit https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in for more information or call Helpline 080-46010000, 080-68948777.

For Director General of Police, CID, Special Units and Economic Offences, Bangalore

DIPR/CP/3685/AKAR/2025-26

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರಕಾರ
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ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರರು,
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ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ –24/2025–26
(ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ)

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ಗೌರವಾನ್ವಿತ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರರು, ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಧಾರವಾಡ ಇವರಿಂದ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಆದೇಶ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: No.FD 876 Exp-12/2017, Bangalore, dated: 15–09–2017 ರನ್ವಯ ವಿವಿಧ ಲೆಕ್ಕಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆಗಳಡಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಐಟಂವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ನಿಗದಿತ ನಮೂನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಂ.ರಾ.ಇಂ. ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟಿರುವ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್ಸ್ KW-1, KW-2, KW-3 ರಲ್ಲಿಯ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗೊಳಪಟ್ಟು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಆದೇಶ 2000 ರನ್ವಯ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನ **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/**ನಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದು.

Indent No General : 20254, 20282, 19548, 20187, 20299, 12893/Call-2
Cat-II (A) : 20189.16293/call-2.
No Reservation : 20279.

ಕ್ಯಾಲೆಂಡರ್ ಆಫ್ ಇವೆಂಟ್ಸ್: (1) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 10–11–2025** ರಿಂದ ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 18–11–2025 ರ ಸಂಜೆ 4.00** ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದು. **(2)** ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 19–11–2025 ರ ಸಂಜೆ 4.30** ಗಂಟೆಗೆ. ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿದವರ ಕಚೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ.

ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಹೆಸರು/ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರ ಅರ್ಹತೆ/ಟೆಂಡರ್ ನಿಯಮ/ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಷರತ್ತುಗಳು/ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರೋಸೆಸ್ಸಿಂಗ್ ಶುಲ್ಕ/EMD ಮೊತ್ತ ಇತ್ಯಾದಿ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು ಅಥವಾ ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿದವರ ಕಚೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ವಿಷಯ ನಿರ್ವಾಹಕರನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು.

ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಯು ಯಾವುದೇ ಕಾರಣ ನೀಡದೇ, ಯಾವುದೇ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಅಥವಾ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ತಿರಸ್ಕರಿಸುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರವನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ.

ಸಹಿ/–(ಆರ್.ಎಂ.ಸೊಪ್ಪಿಮಠ)
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ಪಂ.ರಾ.ಇಂ.ವಿಭಾಗ, ಧಾರವಾಡ.

ವಾ.ಸಾ.ಇ/ಧಾರವಾಡ/841/ದೇಶಪಾಂಡೆಪಬ್ಲಿಸಿಟಿ/2025–26

ಚಾಮರಾಜನಗರ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನಗಳ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ
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No.: CIMS/Tender/Ho.Gu./109/2024-25 **Dated : 28-10-2025**

SHORT TERM RE-TENDER

Sub. : Invitation of Short term Re-Tender for providing Nursing Officer Manpower on out-source basis to the CIMS Hospitals, Chamarajanagar.

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The Short Term Re-Tender has been invited as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement act 1999 Rule 2000 for providing Nursing Officer manpower on Out-Source basis to the Teaching Hospitals of Chamarajanagar Institute of Medical Sciences, Chamarajanagar. The interested tenderers may apply tender through e-portal http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or before 26-11-2025 at 5-00 PM by paying E.M.D.

If, last date for submission of tender declared as Holiday, the next working day shall be treated as last date. No separate Notification in this regard will be issued.

Sd/- Dean and Director
Chamarajanagar Institute of Medical Sciences
Chamarajanagar

DIPR:CHANAGAR:479:2025-26

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
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Tender Notification (Through KPPP Portal only)

On behalf of Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka tenders are invited from the eligible contractors who have enrolled in Panchayath Raj Engineering Department for 05 works comprising of approved Road and Building works under 2024-25 KKRDB, and 2024-25 5054 Flood Grant through KPPP portal.

Indent No.
1.RDPR/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT20071
2.RDPR/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT20090
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Contractors are required to submit the tender before 19-11-2025 at 4.30 PM by uploading the relevant documents through KPPP portal website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in by downloading the formats for submission of tenders from 05-11-2025 to 19-11-2025 at 4.30 PM. Tenders will be opened through KPPP portal on 20-11-2025 at 17.30 PM. Any changes in the notification will be published KPPP website only. Accepting/rejection of tenders without assigning reason is reserved. Any details can be obtained in person at the office or through telephone No. 08392-266173.

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New horizons

Developing countries must take the lead in addressing the climate crisis

The 30th edition of the Conference of Parties (COP) has begun in Brazil's Belém. Coming 10 years after the historic Paris Agreement, when all signatory members of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) committed to a common goal of keeping temperatures below 2°C and "as far as possible below 1.5C", this would have been an ideal platform to take stock of the achievements so far and ramp up ambition. Instead, there is a visible sense of disarray. The United States has, yet again, withdrawn from the Paris Agreement (though not the UNFCCC) and from 2017, this break seems decisively more hostile. Wielding threats on tariffs and brinkmanship, the U.S. Administration seems actively committed to derail steps toward emission cuts, newer ways to fund adaptation and adopting clean technology. For instance, it has played a major role in recent months in scuttling a resolution by members of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) into transitioning the shipping industry away from fossil fuel use. Following Bill Gates's shift from being a vocal advocate of curbing emissions to one who no longer sees climate change as an existential threat, Mr. Trump announced it as a "vindication" of his position. There is a case that the U.S.'s isolationist policy is of diminishing relevance in an era when global investments in clean energy outpace fossil fuel investment and that businesses globally have seen the writing on the wall. But as the IMO example states, the U.S.'s abilities as a destabilising force remain formidable. That must be at the back of negotiators' minds when they began the 12-day deliberative sprint.

This COP is one of 'implementation', as the Brazil Presidency has emphasised. While the world's collective action is far short of what the Paris goals require, there is palpable optimism that the tenor of discussions from now on will visibly shift toward ironing out financial mechanisms for adaptation, preserving forests and strengthening carbon credit markets. It is likely that there will be a renewed discussion on how to make the United Nations' multilateral process more effective at delivering decisive outcomes and, perhaps, a debate on the creation of a 'climate council', as Brazil proposed earlier this year. All of this promises fresh energy and verve to a process that has come to be seen as ineffective in addressing the climate crisis. However, this is also an opportunity for the large developing economies – India, China, Brazil, and South Africa in particular – to stake claim to leadership. This might require a greater display of ambition and recalibration of past positions, particularly on financial contributions. Sans fireworks, India must begin an internal dialogue to place itself favourably for this nebulous future.

In free fall

Sudan's hopes for a return to democracy look dim

Sudan is no stranger to violence by paramilitary forces. Yet, the rape, pillage and mass killings carried out by the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) in El-Fasher, after their capture of the city in the Darfur region in late October, were shocking even by Sudan's grim standards. The RSF, a predominantly Arab militia, known for its brutality against Sudan's African communities, unleashed a wave of atrocities, including a massacre at a maternity hospital. The RSF now controls five of Darfur's capitals, tightening its grip over the famine-stricken region. In a chilling demonstration of impunity, RSF militants posted footage of some of their crimes on social media. Born from the Arab supremacist Janjaweed militia in the early 2000s, the group had faced accusations of ethnic cleansing and genocide against non-Arab communities in Darfur. It laid siege to El-Fasher, the Sudanese army's last major stronghold in Darfur, 18 months ago, a blockade that triggered a famine in the region. More than 12 million people have been displaced since Sudan's civil war broke out in April 2023, and tens of thousands killed. According to UN experts, the country is now facing the world's worst humanitarian crisis. While both the army and the RSF have been accused of war crimes, the atrocities by the paramilitary force have increasingly been described as genocidal.

When the regime of dictator Omar al-Bashir fell in 2019, many hoped that Sudan was on the cusp of a new dawn. But hopes for a democratic transition were short lived as the military and the RSF jointly staged a coup in 2021. Mr. Bashir had raised the RSF out of the ranks of the Janjaweed and treated the group as his personal army. He used it to neutralise domestic opposition and as a parallel structure to the military. Yet, when the roots of the Bashir regime were shaken by public protests in 2019, the RSF turned against him. But once the military consolidated power in 2021 and insisted that the RSF integrate with the regular army, the alliance between the army and the RSF fell apart, plunging Sudan into civil war. Today, the military government, backed by Egypt, controls most of Sudan, while the RSF, supported by the UAE, dominates Darfur. Earlier this year, the army pushed the RSF out of Khartoum, the capital. But the fall of El-Fasher confirms that the militia remains entrenched in its stronghold. If the fighting continues, Sudan risks more death, destruction, and even a state collapse. The atrocities in El-Fasher should serve as a wake-up call for the international community. The war must be brought to an end. For that, the backers of both the military and the militia should press for talks instead of sending more weapons into Sudan.

What South Asia wants from COP30

A decade after the Paris Agreement, the climate crisis has only intensified. South Asia bears the brunt as monsoon floods, landslides and heatwaves. These shocks unfold amid a fractured global order – multilateralism under strain, climate pledges weakened, and trade protectionism rising. The withdrawal of the United States from the Paris Agreement, yet again, has tested the credibility of global processes. Yet no single actor, however powerful, can halt collective action. Others must and are stepping forward.

Small island-states, emerging economies and coalitions of the willing have taken the lead. Increasingly, this mantle is passing to South Asia, home to nearly two billion people facing an extraordinary diversity of climate risks. Inaction is not an option.

There have been wide consultations (as COP30 Special Envoy for South Asia) with government and civil society representatives across Bhutan, Nepal, the Maldives, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. We have listened to localised concerns, recognised many areas of convergence for messages that negotiators are taking to COP30 in Brazil, and identified several opportunities for regional climate cooperation.

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South Asia's concerns and priorities

We realised that South Asia's response is pragmatic and collaborative: regional coalitions, investment in renewable energy, climate-resilient agriculture and integration of climate adaptation into development planning. Its climate leadership may be emergent, but it is driven by necessity, experience and the moral imperative to protect its people and signal to the world that action cannot wait. The discussions yielded five concerns and priorities of South Asian countries.

First, implementation remains the Achilles heel of climate action. The gap between what is promised in action and finance, and what is delivered, is glaring. Whether it is in implementing the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) or delivering finance, the challenge remains. So far, only 65 countries have submitted enhanced NDCs. Further, a recent study by the Council on Energy, Environment, and Water (CEEW) revealed that out of the 203 initiatives assessed (launched since 2015), approximately 5% of the initiatives have achieved their stated goals. This underscores the need for the Global South to harness regional cooperation to create impactful and targeted initiatives.

Climate pledges require robust governance, including a clear plan and timeline for reporting progress. Willing countries can, first, strengthen a regional forum to build a common stance and advance shared action that can be recognised at platforms such as the G-20, the The Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC), and BRICS. Moreover, ensure governance structures are inclusive, giving voice to the underrepresented, such as subnational governments, local communities and women. Also, strengthen regional cooperation by sharing knowledge, aligning priorities and scaling technology solutions across borders. Initiatives such as India's Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) and Nepal's Sagarmatha Sambaad focused on mountain vulnerabilities, show how focused partnerships can advance both national and regional goals.

> There is a need for mutual clarity, mutual cooperation and mutual implementation on climate action, as consultations across South Asia — a region that is bearing the brunt of the climate crisis — show

Second, climate adaptation must stand shoulder-to-shoulder with emission mitigation. According to the ADB, South Asia could experience an increase in days exceeding 35°C – from around 100 to approximately 200 annually – by 2100. The region-specific economic and non-economic impacts are diverse – Nepal's glacial lake outburst flood, coastal threats in the Maldives, India facing sweltering heatwaves, and Sri Lanka's emerging drylands and water stress.

The support that is needed

What is required is adequate technical, institutional and financial support to develop and implement plans domestically. Mainstreaming locally-led adaptation practices can also complement scientific innovation and strengthen local ownership. Internationally, deliberations must proceed to reach consensus on fundamental, simple, and non-burdensome indicators under the Global Goal on Adaptation. These indicators must be multi-dimensional and adaptable for use at regional and national levels, focusing on tracking progress rather than penalising countries with limited capacity.

Third, ambitious action must begin by investing in trust. The past is marred by delayed finances, broken promises and diluted commitments from developed countries. The current geopolitics is not conducive to an ambitious climate outcome. Further, an easy exit from a climate agreement not only leads to increased emissions but also undermines trust in the process. Analysis by the CEEW shows that developed countries are not on track to meet their 2030 NDC target. Hence, developed countries must fulfil their existing pledges and build momentum with ambitious NDCs aligned with 1.5°C, reinstating faith in multilateralism.

Fourth, deliver climate finance that is predictable (sustainable funding), adequate (meets the needs and balanced with mitigation), fairly distributed and accessible (easy, low-transaction cost access with priority for vulnerable countries), and non-debt inducing (grants and highly concessional financing instruments).

For this, the Baku to Belém Roadmap to 1.3T ($1.3 trillion) must be underpinned by clear pathways: who delivers, how much, by when, and with what accountability. Without clarity, the $300 billion adaptation target by 2035 is meaningless. South Asian countries, particularly the Least Developed Countries, must call for a tripling of adaptation finance with operational clarity. And, South Asia's needs are urgent.

Dedicated regional allocations from multilateral funds such as the Green Climate Fund, the Loss and Damage Fund, and the Adaptation Fund can simplify and amplify access to predictable finance. Most importantly, design and launch a 'South Asian resilience finance facility' to mobilise and channel innovative finance to support domestic priorities and fast-track nature-based solutions.

Fifth, climate transition cannot be left to nation-states alone; non-state actors must become engines of scale. Non-state actors such as sub-national entities, the private sector, civil society, youth, academic institutions, as well as businesses can supplement state efforts toward enhancing ambition. The private sector can unlock finance. Sub-national entities can align with domestic goals and deliver. Civil society can conduct independent assessments to expedite the process of bridging domestic capacity gaps and, regionally, develop a regional compendium to share promising traditional knowledge, practices, and systems across the region. Youth can mobilise urgency, innovation and intergenerational equity into climate solutions. Businesses can mainstream sustainability into markets and value chains. If done rightly, it can reinforce a cycle of verified action that builds trust and accountability within the multilateral climate governance.

Cut off from technology flows

Ultimately, transformation hinges on the convergence of finance, technology and innovation. There are several examples of innovative solutions being deployed; however, fewer examples demonstrate their ability to deliver systemic transformations. Most of the South Asian countries are still largely excluded from international technology flows. A recent report by the CEEW shows fewer than one in three initiatives focus exclusively solely on Africa, Asia, or Latin America – most span multiple regions or are often clubbed with countries in the Global North. Financially, it is imperative to channel capital towards the climate agenda through blended finance instruments, debt-for-nature swaps and market mechanisms with an explicit focus on vulnerable regions. Digital innovation, including artificial intelligence, big data, digital public infrastructure (DPI), blockchain and remote sensing, can unlock new forms of data cooperation and efficiency.

The time for promises is now over. Delivery will be the only currency of trust at COP30. That delivery must rest on three mutuals: mutual clarity (about responsibilities and pathways), mutual cooperation (that recognises both vulnerabilities and opportunities), and mutual implementation (turning promises into practice, across borders and sectors). South Asia is leading, innovating and demanding that multilateralism be restored to credibility through delivery.

The views expressed are personal

Celebrating a sage king, a celebration of India-Bhutan ties

The former King of Bhutan, Jigme Singye Wangchuck, turns 70 on November 11, 2025. The father of the current King of Bhutan is popularly known as K4 (the fourth King of the Wangchuck line), while his son Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck, who sits on the throne at present, is referred to as K5.

Jigme Singye Wangchuk is held in great esteem, awe, pride and reverence by his people who often call him the Bodhisattva King. He ruled Bhutan from the age of 17 years till he abdicated in 2006 in favour of his son.

He is revered almost like a Buddha because he ruled wisely, honestly and literally dragged Bhutan into the 21st century, modernising it in many ways. Now, to mark his 70th birth anniversary, there is a huge celebration in Thimphu on November 11, for which Prime Minister Narendra Modi is visiting India's mountainous neighbour.

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Two nations, their close ties

Mr. Modi has always given much importance to India's relationship with Bhutan. In 2014, on being elected Prime Minister, he had not merely spoken about Neighbourhood First but had also made Bhutan the first foreign country he visited. Now too, Mr. Modi realises the tremendous significance that the birthday celebrations has for the people of Bhutan and is ensuring that he is with them in this time of joy. His visit is an apt signal of how close the people of India are to the people of Bhutan.

It was K4 who further strengthened Bhutan's relationship with India, during his reign as king, exhibiting great understanding that independent India was a close friend of his nation for which all threats to its independence, sovereignty or way of life came from its north and not from the other direction. It was Jigme Singye Wangchuck who got India's Border Roads Organisation to build, operate and maintain the road network of his country. Today, Bhutanese firms are capable of doing this on their own and have rightly been tasked with this. Again, it was Jigme Singye Wangchuck who saw the potential of generating electricity from Bhutan's rivers and supplying it to India, thereby enabling a steady revenue stream for his nation, which in turn has lifted incomes there.

> Jigme Singye Wangchuck, who turns 70 today, has helped nurture both the modernisation of the mountain kingdom and its relations with India

Hydropower diplomacy

Hydropower cooperation between India and Bhutan has, over the years, developed into one of the strongest and most significant pillars of the relationship between the two countries. Therefore, it is apt, symbolic of this friendship and significant in itself, that the Punatsangchhu II hydroelectric project will be formally inaugurated by Mr. Modi and K5 during the trip. The 1,020 MW project has been generating electricity for some months now, helping Bhutan in further raising its economic profile.

The Punatsangchhu II project, like many of its predecessors, was constructed as a cooperative venture between the Government of India and the Royal Government of Bhutan, with India providing the initial capital for it – this is paid off by the project from the income stream generated by the sale of electricity to India at rates which are competitive but adjusted every few years to reflect current realities.

This model has worked well till now but it has been decided that in future, the two countries must tap other sources of capital for such hydropower projects. Now that private capital is readily available in adequate quantity, future projects are to be done by private firms of India in collaboration with Bhutanese companies. Significantly, Tata Power and Adani Power have readily taken up a few of the projects on offer in Bhutan.

India continues to provide development assistance to Bhutan beyond hydropower whether it is for community development projects or larger schemes that range from infrastructure development to upgrading older institutions and even monasteries.

Issues of national security

K5 continues to seek his father's – K4's – advice on matters of national security. Whether it pertains to the territorial integrity of Bhutan or to the operational readiness of the Royal Bhutan Army (RBA), K4 is always consulted by his son. K4 has a deep understanding of not merely India and how its democracy functions but also about Communist China, what motivates and drives that nation and the implications it has for Bhutan-China relations.

India will always be grateful to K4 for having personally led Operation All Clear in December 2003 where the RBA drove out several hundred cadres of Indian insurgent groups that had taken shelter in the jungles of Bhutan just across Assam and West Bengal. On India's side of the border, the Indian Army was able to easily arrest these Indian insurgent groups and proceed against them as in the law.

Thus, November 11 is not merely the birthday celebration of a sage and wise former King of Bhutan. Mr. Modi's presence at these events in Thimphu also makes it a celebration of India-Bhutan friendship and cooperation.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Credibility and trust

The recent resignations of BBC's leadership following the 'mis-editing' of a speech by U.S. President Donald Trump underscore a core truth: news agencies are not only conveyors of facts but also the custodians of trust. Correspondents and editors must adhere to the core principles of accuracy, context and impartiality. When these are compromised — as when snippets are splice-edited to mislead — the consequence is not just embarrassment but also the erosion of institutional integrity. The lesson for all media is this: ethical lapses ripple outward, undermining democracy's information infrastructure and public confidence alike ('World' page – Panel, November 10).

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Shroud of air pollution

At this time of the year, Delhi, once again, finds itself caught in the throes of severe air pollution. It is distressing to see the citizens of Delhi suffer year after year from toxic air, despite the capital being home to the nation's top political leadership. For over a decade, the issue has been discussed and debated, yet real action remains missing. Smog control towers, often non-functional, have done little to clean the air. This reflects poorly on governance. The continued neglect of such a public health crisis shows the lack of sincerity and responsibility among politicians and officials. Politicians need to make public welfare the guiding principle of politics and governance, rising above narrow interests to serve the larger public good.

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Pets and pests

I write this letter as a 90-year-old retired veterinarian. The entire discourse about stray dogs and pets reminds me of the adage, "to be unable to see the wood for the trees". The issue is not about pets but about pests. The significant difference in the numbers of stray dogs, from some thousands in 2018 to a lakh or more now, reveals the inefficacy of the present strategy. Human health and safety should be the priorities — there must be the culling of pests and the encouragement of only pets.

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Iraqi elections: An opportunity for India

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The current obsession with the Bihar election on November 11 notwithstanding, India also needs to focus on another election taking place on the same day, 4,000 kilometres away, in Iraq.

Features and significance

While some systemic features of the sixth Iraqi parliamentary election are relatively easy to comprehend, others may make even hardened Bihar pollsters blink. There are 7,744 candidates for 329 seats with 32 parties and a large number of independents in the election based on proportional representation. Nearly 40% of candidates are below 40 years of age. In an otherwise patriarchal society, close to a third of the candidates are women, leveraging a quarter of seats reserved for them. The results might trigger months of horse-trading among the three sectarian groups, broadly based on Shia, Sunni, and Kurdish parties, before a majority coalition emerges. The incumbent Prime Minister, Mohammed Shia al-Sudani, projects himself as a "Sushasan Babu", claiming to have completed over 2,582 long-delayed projects in his three-year rule. He has added a million new jobs to the already bloated bureaucracy. His detractors accuse him of being pro-American. The polity and electioneering are characterised by corruption, disbursal of freebies and rampant kleptocracy institutionalised by a disingenuous "Muhasasa" system that reserves nearly a thousand lucrative positions for the winning coalition. These flaws and the violent suppression of youth protests in 2019-20 have engendered popular apathy. Only 21 million of the 30 million eligible voters have registered, and less than 40% of the latter are likely to vote, resulting in nearly three-fourths absenteeism. Nevertheless, the biometric voter I-cards are reportedly changing hands for around a hundred dollars. Thanks to numerous militias running amok, guns, goons and ethno-sectarianism are more abundant than in Bihar's badlands. Kurdish separatism, lingering Islamic State and al-Qaeda terrorism, and Iranian patronage of several Iraqi Shia militias are additional complications. Further, the election boycott call by populist Shia leader Moqtada al-Sadr, whose party got the highest number of seats in the previous election, would leave the field to the ruling Shia Coordination Framework. While Mr. al-Sudani is widely expected to continue, the fractured Iraqi polity has resulted in a new Prime Minister after every past election. Nevertheless, after the tumultuous legacy of the Saddam era repression, wars, terrorism and sectarian strife, holding elections at regular intervals marks Iraq's return to imperfect democratic normalcy.

Second, the coming parliamentary elections have regional and even global significance in view of Iraq's geostrategic importance and status as OPEC's second-largest producer. During the past two decades of turmoil, the divided country has been an arena where the animosity between the U.S. and Iran played out. In case a decisive election results in stable governance, Iraq can resume its unencumbered sovereignty. It has already negotiated a withdrawal of the U.S.-led multinational force by September 2026, deployed since the 2003 invasion to oust Saddam Hussein. Iran is determined to maintain its stranglehold on Shia militias in Iraq, as well as use Iraq as a market and conduit for busting the U.S. sanctions. But Tehran has been significantly weakened by Israeli military actions over the past two years, which have attenuated Iranian military might, curbed its nuclear and missile capabilities, and decimated its regional proxies. The Trump administration's "maximum pressure" policies and "Snapback" of the UN sanctions have also hamstrung Iranian economy. Pro-Iran Iraqi militias have largely eschewed military actions against the U.S. and Israel. A strong, nationalist elected government in Baghdad could take advantage of a weakened Iran to begin the delicate but crucial process of disarming the heavily armed militias by either co-opting them into regular armed forces or metamorphosing them into political parties. Similarly, Kurds leveraged the disarray in Baghdad to deepen their longstanding quest for autonomy through the 'Kurdistan Regional Government'. As Baghdad gets its political and security act in place, this process might get reversed.

The Iraqi oil and gas sector has remained largely unaffected by political and security flux, Iraq has been producing around 4.5 mbpd and exporting nearly 3.6 mbpd, with China and India being the top two customers in 2024. It claims 5.5 mbpd production capacity and has signed multiple agreements with Chinese, American, and other Western oil and gas majors to ramp up production to 7 mbps by 2029. Reducing gas flaring is a priority to utilise it as a fuel for power generation.

India-Iraq ties

India had close ties with Iraq during the 1980s, with nearly $10 billion worth of construction projects and oil exploration blocks. In 2024-25, total bilateral trade was $33.35 billion, making Iraq our eighth largest trade partner, albeit with a balance of 9:1 in Iraq's favour due to our dependence on crude. As Russian oil supplies recede, Iraq is likely to resume its role as India's largest crude supplier, further tilting the trade imbalance. Once the electoral dust settles, India should rebalance its bilateral ties by prioritising highest level re-engagement. Apart from reviving the socio-economic complementarity, such synergy would ameliorate the emerging power vacuum in the northern Gulf. It would also show that the ties between our two democracies are not transactional, but based on mutual interests and shared values.

India could leverage Iraq's post-election stability to revive bilateral synergy

Dealing with a dogged problem

With 9 lakh dogs, Kerala will find it impossible to implement the Court's directive

STATE OF PLAY

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With about 9 lakh street dogs, Kerala is going to find it nearly impossible to comply with the Supreme Court's latest order directing States to relocate these animals from public spaces to dog pounds.

Last week, the Court directed local bodies across the country to remove "every stray dog found within the premises of an educational institution, hospital, sports complex, bus stand/depot, or railway station and to shift such animal/s to a designated shelter, after due sterilisation and vaccination, in accordance with the Animal Birth Control (ABC) Rules, 2023". The Court also said that the "stray dogs so picked up shall not be released back to the same location from which they were picked up." This is a clear departure from the Animal Birth Control Rules, 2023 that lay down a 'capture-sterilise-vaccinate-return' policy.

Challenges

While the order may appear sound from a public health and safety standpoint, it risks going unimplemented. There are immense infrastructural and human resource demands that this exercise entails. Stray dogs coexist with humans in public places where food is available. The removal of one pack from an area will not solve the issue, as the vacuum will be quickly filled by another group of dogs. In addition, there are also behavioural aspects of street dogs to be considered. Often compassionately called community dogs, they offer companionship to many people, which explains why there are so many protests against the order. Neither are there enough animal handlers to catch street dogs nor are there qualified veterinary surgeons, as specified in the Rules.

Kerala received particular attention in the three-member Bench's order, which cited media reports of stray dog bites across the State, including the case of a Class 3 student being bitten at a government lower primary school in Panamaram, Wayanad. The judgment also mentioned reports of dog bite incidents that took place at Ernakulam General Hospital, the KSRTC bus stand at Kottayam, and the railway station at Kannur.

Despite this challenge, every move to set up public service facilities – whether septage and waste treatment plants, mobile towers, or ABC centres for dogs – has been greeted with stiff public resistance in Kerala. In such a scenario, it would be a real challenge for civic bodies to find secure and isolated places to set up dog pounds, considering the scarcity of suitable land and public opposition to such units. It would also be difficult for local bodies to establish ABC centres to carry out surgical procedures, as specified in the Rules.

The problem is not limited to Kerala. No local body in the country may be able to meet the expense for keeping and feeding the dogs in these centres on its own. The order, which requires that dogs rounded up from public spaces not be returned after surgery, has effectively shifted their custody from the streets to the local authorities.

The huge expense required for setting up animal shelters and surgical centres, capturing and immunising animals, procuring vehicles for transporting animals, and running the centres could also hinder the efforts of civic bodies in their fight against rabies and dog bites. Without sufficient human and financial resources at their disposal, civic bodies cannot be expected to enthusiastically come forward to take up the challenge.

The order has also put brakes on the Kerala government's recent initiative to sterilise and vaccinate street dogs and return them to their original locations, as specified in the ABC Rules.

Problem with compliance

The Court has cautioned that any reported non-compliance with its orders would be viewed seriously. It said that "penalties/consequences including but not limited to the initiation of suo moto contempt proceedings" would be imposed on erring officials. However, there are numerous practical problems in implementing the order, which means that the instructions of the Court risk being inadvertently flouted by the civic bodies.

While admitting that incidents of dog bites are on the rise and rabies-related deaths are being regularly reported from the States, a workable approach to tackle the menace could have been adopted. Removing dogs from public places to dog pounds is easier said than done in Kerala, which has a population density that is thrice the national average.

Capital owners gain, workers lose: the widening wealth gap

Between 1990 and 2024, the capital share of national income increased in 56% of countries

DATA POINT

The Hindu Data Team

According to the Global Inequality Report, 83% of countries experience high income inequality, representing 90% of the world's population **(Chart 1)**. A high level of income inequality corresponds to a Gini coefficient above 0.4. A Gini coefficient of 0 indicates perfect equality, while a value of 1 represents perfect inequality.

One of the main reasons a large share of the global population continues to live in highly unequal countries is the rising share of national income accruing to capital (through profits, rents, and dividends) compared to labour (through wages and salaries). Between 1990 and 2024, the capital share of national income increased in 56% of countries, covering 74% of the world's population. **Chart 2** shows the capital and labour share of the national income, globally.

Capital ownership itself is highly unequal. An estimated 85% of the world's population derives no income from capital. **Chart 3** shows the share of the population living in households with less than $100 in annual capital income per person. In India, 97% of the population falls within this category. Even labour income is highly unequal. Between 2019 and 2024, average global CEO pay increased by 50%, while average worker's pay rose by less than 1%.

Because of this unequal accumulation of wealth, private wealth has far outpaced public wealth. As a result, several governments face significant net debts **(Chart 4)**.

Such economic inequality also leads to social inequality within and across nations. For instance, in the U.S., African American women are more than twice as likely to die in pregnancy or childbirth than white women, or women in Kerala in India **(Chart 5)**.

Workers fall behind

Data for the charts were sourced from the G20 Extraordinary Committee of Independent Experts on Global Inequality report

Chart 1: High, medium and low inequality countries

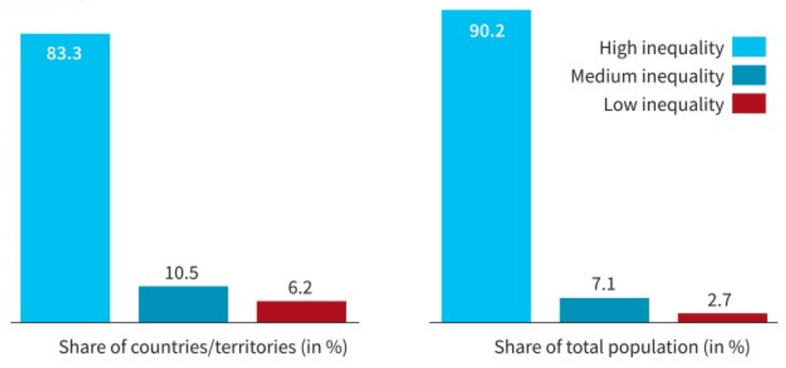

Chart 2: Capital and labour share of national income, 1980-2024

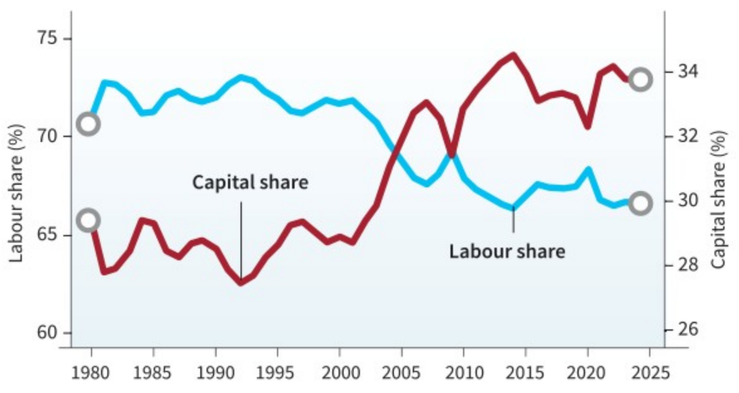

Chart 3: Percentage of population living in households with less than $100 in capital income (including private pensions) per person, annually

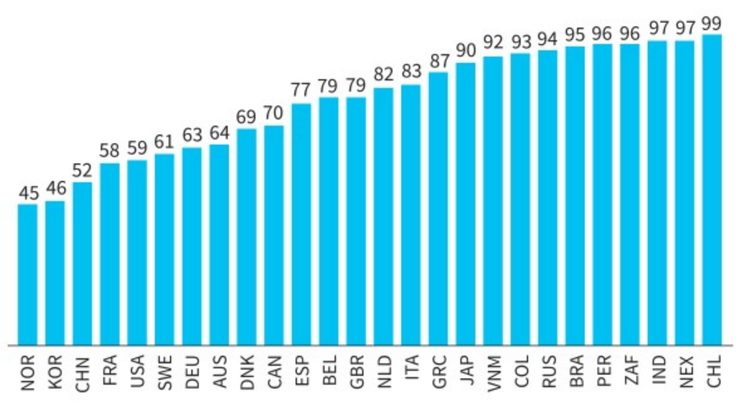
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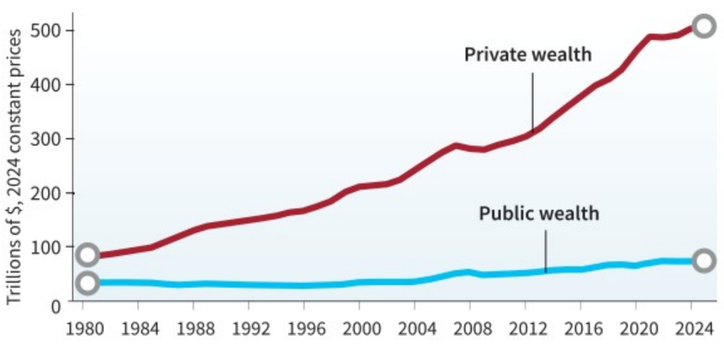
Chart 4: Public and private wealth, 1980-2024



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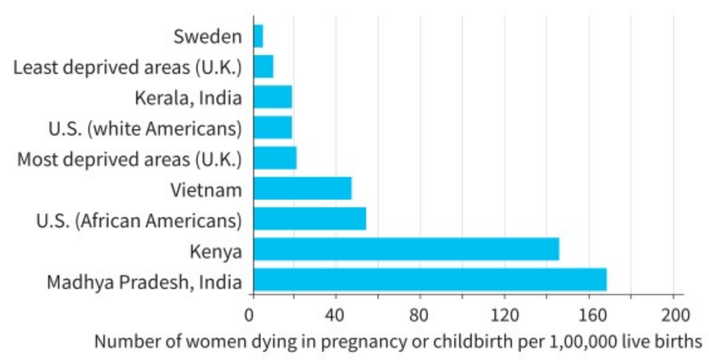

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FIFTY YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 11, 1975

Angola becomes free

Luanda, Nov. 10: Portugal to-day proclaimed Angola independent from midnight to-night, and said it was leaving the war-torn territory without any sense of guilt.

The declaration, made here by the Portuguese High Commissioner, Admiral Leonel Cardoso, several hours before midnight, omitted to recognise any of the three warring liberation movements of the territory's new rulers.

"In the name of the President of the Portuguese Republic, I solemnly proclaim – with effect from zero hours on November 11 – the independence of Angola and its full sovereignty vested in the Angolan people", Admiral Cardoso told a press conference.

The handing over of power was made in the form of a declaration to newsmen since the three factions have failed to unite.

Eleventh hour efforts by Portugal and the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) to set up a government of national unity including all three movements fell through over the weekend.

The three groups are the Angolan's People's Liberation Movement (MPLA), National Liberation Front (FNLA), and Union for Total Independence (UNITA).

The Portuguese flag was ceremoniously lowered for the last time in Angola at 15-30 (local time) to-day at the High Commissioner's palace and nearby San Pedro fortress.

Immediately afterwards Portuguese troops still stationed in the town marched to the naval base, led by the High Commissioner, to sail to Portugal.

Troops of the Angolan People's Liberation Movement (MPLA) immediately took over at the palace and the fortress.

Angola becomes the 47th independent state in Africa amidst a major and unprecedented civil war for control of the nation of 5.8 million people.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 11, 1925

Rare stamps

London, Nov. 10: A rare collection of stamps found by an accident weeks ago while a quantity of rubbish was being turned out of the attic in a house in Mayfair has been auctioned and realised five thousand four hundred sterling. A complete mint sheet of 120 of 1858 Ceylon half penny lilac fetched six hundred and fifty and another sheet slightly paler with two stamps cut out realised five hundred and thirty sterling.

Opposition demands thorough probe into shocking explosion near Red Fort

Those responsible for the security lapse must be held accountable, says Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, while RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav says government must take transparent action; witness says the blast went off in a slow-moving vehicle and several taxis around it caught fire

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Gruesome act: Security personnel at the blast site near the Red Fort on Monday, and the scene at the LNJP Hospital. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Monday urged the Union government to ensure a "prompt and thorough investigation" into the Delhi blast, especially given that it occurred in a high-security zone, while RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav said the government must take free and transparent action to reassure the public.

At least nine people were killed and several injured as a high-intensity blast ripped through a slow-moving vehicle near the Red Fort.

"In this moment of grief, our thoughts and prayers are with the bereaved families, and we pray for the swift recovery of the injured," Mr. Kharge said, adding that those responsible for the security lapse must be held accountable.

The Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, called the incident "heartbreaking and concerning". He extended condolences to the kin of the deceased and wished a speedy recovery to the injured. Congress general secretary (organisation) K.C. Venugopal expressed anguish, saying, "The loss of many lives is especially painful. The entire country is united in this difficult moment." He urged the government to "speedily investigate this incident and throw further light on what has transpired".

Mr. Yadav, who is the Grand Alliance's chief ministerial nominee in Bihar election, demanded a thorough probe to "reassure the public with fair and transparent action" and ensure that the culprits face the "harshest possible punishment".

"For how long Indians will live in fear," he asked.

Former Delhi Chief Minister and Aam Aadmi Party convener Arvind Kejriwal called for an immediate investigation into the possibility of a larger conspiracy. "Negligence regarding Delhi's security cannot be tolerated," he said.

Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav stressed that the incident should be investigated from every angle and that immediate security measures be put in place to alleviate public fear.

AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi demanded maximum punishment for those responsible for the "condemnable act".

Eyewitness account

Witnesses narrated the severity of the explosion. Dharmender, a resident of Greater Noida, told *The Hindu* that he was shopping on the opposite footpath when he heard a loud explosion and saw vehicles catch fire.

"There was a lot of traffic, and the slow-moving vehicle in which the blast happened went up in flames, which led to several commercial taxis around it catching fire," he said.

He added that only two police officers were initially present at the Red Fort *chowki* and they rushed to rescue people. "We dragged out almost seven taxi drivers and saw that the vehicle in which the blast happened had a Haryana number plate," he said.

Bhupender Singh, a Noida resident, said his commercial vehicle was just 10 feet away. "The traffic light had just turned green when the blast happened. I quickly left my vehicle and ran towards the market," he said. Mohsin Ali, a local worker, said he recovered at least three charred bodies and placed them on an e-rickshaw. "E-rickshaws blew up, body parts of people were scattered, and hardly anyone near the vehicle could be rescued," he said.

Delhi Police Commissioner Satish Golcha confirmed that the explosion occurred in a slow-moving vehicle and damaged nearby vehicles. "All agencies, FSL, NIA is here. We are investigating and will update shortly," he said.

Close watch: Security personnel stand guard in Anantnag in Jammu and Kashmir on Monday. PTI

Seven nabbed as J&K Police seize 2,900 kg IED-making material

Vijaita Singh
Peerzada Ashiq
NEW DELHI/SRINAGAR

Official says a 'white collar terror group' of professionals and students were in contact with their foreign handlers

The Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) Police have busted an "inter-State and transnational terror module", arrested seven people, and seized 2,900 kg of improvised explosive device (IED)-making material in the past 15 days, officials said on Monday.

A Srinagar-based police spokesperson said the terror module was linked to the Jaish-e-Mohammed and the Ansar Ghazwat-ul-Hind.

"The investigation has revealed a white collar terror ecosystem involving radicalised professionals and students in contact with foreign handlers operating from Pakistan and other countries," the spokesperson said.

The arrested individuals include two doctors – Muzammil Ahmad Ganaie, also known as Musaib, a resident of Koil, Pulwama, and Adeel, a resident of Wanpora, Kulgam.

The other accused are Arif Nisar Dar, Yasir-ul-Ashraf, and Maqsood Ahmad Dar, all residents of Nowgam, Srinagar; Zameer Ahmad Ahanger, alias Mutlasha, of Ganderbal; and Irfan Ahmad, a maulvi from Shopian.

Dr. Ganaie, 32, was teaching at Al Falah University at Dhouj in Faridabad, Haryana, around 40 km from Delhi.

Joint operation

Satender Kumar Gupta, Police Commissioner, Faridabad, told *The Hindu* that Dr. Ganaie was arrested from a one-room rented accommodation around 10 days ago in a joint operation with the J&K Police.

"We found 350 kg of inflammable material, possibly ammonium nitrate, from the room, packed in eight big and four small suitcases. An assault rifle, 20 timers, batteries, five kg of heavy metals were among the recoveries made from the room, where he had moved in 15 days ago," Mr. Gupta said.

The officer said Dr. Adeel was arrested from Saharanpur in Uttar Pradesh. Another police official said that at Dr. Adeel's instance, another assault rifle was recovered from a locker at a medical college in Anantnag in south Kashmir.

According to the police, the ongoing investigation began after multiple Jaish posters were found at different locations in Bunpora, Nowgam on October 19, "threatening and intimidating police and security forces".

A Central government source said the planning of the attack and the recruitment of the men was on for the past two years. The seized material comprised items commonly available in the market such as urea, which could be used as an explosive device, the source said.

Misguiding pamphlet

"It was the pamphlet pasted in Srinagar which led us to a maulvi in Shopian. His interrogation led to the arrest of six other suspects so far. The accused Irfan Ahmad, imam of a mosque in Shopian, was arrested with the help of human intelligence. More arrests and seizures are likely in the coming days," the source said.

The pamphlet in Urdu, accessed by *The Hindu*, asked local people to not cooperate with the security forces and also warned them to not allow security forces to sit in their shops or establishments.

The operation led to the arrest of key operatives and recovery of a massive cache of arms, the police said.

Haryana, U.P., and Punjab placed on high alert

The Hindu Bureau
CHANDIGARH

Punjab, Haryana, and Uttar Pradesh were placed on high alert on Monday following the high-intensity blast near the Red Fort in Delhi.

The Punjab Police, in a statement, said a red alert had been sounded across all districts in Punjab.

He added that Senior Police officers are asked to be vigilant and the police force are deployed at sensitive and vulnerable areas, and checking of vehicles are being conducted. Haryana Director-General of Police (DGP) O.P. Singh said the State had been placed on high alert. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath ordered the police to remain on high alert after the blast.

J&K Police conduct large-scale crackdown in 10 districts; nearly 100 people detained

Peerzada Ashiq
SRINAGAR

Security personnel conducting cordon-and-search operations at multiple locations across Jammu and Kashmir on Monday. ANI

Hours ahead of the Delhi blast, the Jammu & Kashmir Police carried out a large-scale crackdown in around 10 districts of the Valley on Monday.

Nearly 100 people were either detained or bound down in several districts as more than 70 locations were raided and searched.

In Baramulla of north Kashmir, the police said, 16 properties linked to Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) or Pakistan-based Kashmiri natives and 23 locations with links to "overground workers" (OGWs) were searched.

"The operation resulted in 10 individuals being bound down under preventive provisions. Besides, 16 OGWs are bound down for aiding unlawful activities," the police said.

The police said 175 vehicles were searched at strategic checkpoints along the National Highway and other vital routes in north Kashmir.

"Thirty-two cordon and search operations (CASOs) were conducted simultaneously across different parts of the district," the police said.

In central Kashmir's Ganderbal district, the police said 39 persons were taken into custody as a preventive measure, "after credible inputs suggested their involvement in activities detrimental to public peace and security".

"Extensive searches of the houses of J&K nationals operating from Pakistan or PoK, surrendered and ex-militants were carried out. The operation was aimed at disrupting the local support network that facilitates anti-national elements and ensures sustained peace and stability in the district," the police said.

In south Kashmir's Anantnag, similar operations were carried out at "suspected locations", especially with links to "anti-national elements, terror associates and UAPA-accused persons", the police said.

"The objective of these operations was to trace and identify individuals involved in subversive activities, monitor suspicious movements, and ensure public safety and order," the police said.

In Pulwama's Awantipora and Pulwama town, multiple locations were searched, "including areas where a recent encounter took place and at the residences of the killed terrorists and their associates".

In Shopian, the police said raids continued for the third consecutive day.

"The police have established violations of bail conditions and are in the process of moving formal applications before the competent court for cancellation of their bail orders. This action is part of police's efforts to ensure that judicial reliefs are not misused by those involved in unlawful or anti-national activities," the police said.

The police have filed 16 applications for cancellation of bail granted to accused persons booked under the UAPA in south Kashmir.

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High-intensity blast in capital kills at least 9

"Pained beyond words by the loss of lives in a blast in Delhi. My deepest condolences to those who have lost their loved ones," Mr. Shah said on X.

President Droupadi Murmu said, "I convey my heartfelt condolences to the families and friends of those who lost their lives in the blast that has taken place in Delhi. I pray for quick recovery of those injured."

The Delhi Fire Services said they received the call regarding the blast around 6:55 p.m. A police source confirmed the occupant of the car in which the explosion took place had also been killed and was yet to be identified. Only two of the nine bodies could be identified till late Monday evening.

Eyewitness Mohsin Ali told *The Hindu* that the blast was so strong those around the main entrance of the monument were charred to death. "We tried lifting people up and putting them into e-rickshaws but there was heavy smoke and we could hardly see anything," said Mr. Ali.

He added that parts of vehicles and body parts of people were strewn across the street.

The Delhi Police enhanced security in crowded areas following the explosion.

SC says women are the 'largest minority', notes their receding presence in Parliament

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

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> **JUSTICE NAGARATHNA**
> Supreme Court

The Supreme Court has said women are the "largest minority" in India and their presence in Parliament is steadily receding.

"Why not give women representation even without reservation," Justice B.V. Nagarathna, the Supreme Court's sole woman judge heading a two-judge Bench, observed on Monday.

The Bench, including Justice R. Mahadevan, was hearing a petition filed by Jaya Thakur challenging the provisions of the "Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam", or the Constitution (106th Amendment) Act, granting 33% reservation to women in the Lok Sabha and Assemblies.

The law was assented to by President Droupadi Murmu in September 2023, but is yet to be implemented, senior advocate Shobha Gupta and advocate Varun Thakur, submitted in court.

"Why delay the 'vandan'," Ms. Gupta asked.

"This [the Constitution amendment] was an instance of giving women political justice. Political justice is on par with social and economic justice. Women are the largest minority in the country. Women form 48.44% of the total population," Justice Nagarathna observed.

She pointed to Article 15 (3) of the Constitution which mandates the State to take affirmative action and make special provisions for the empowerment of women.

The provisions of the 2023 law would be implemented only after the conduct of the next census and the subsequent delimitation exercise – redrawing of Lok Sabha and Assembly constituencies – to determine seats to be reserved for women.

The quota for women in the Lok Sabha and Assemblies would continue for 15 years and Parliament could later extend the benefit period.

'Long-pending demand'

"A Constitutional amendment cannot be held back for an uncertain period... For the last 75 years there has been no adequate representation of women in Parliament as well as in the State legislatures. This has been a long-pending demand for decades," the petition submitted.

"When is the next census? Any date for the census," Justice Nagarathna asked.

Ms. Gupta said the Act did not give any specific time period about the census or the delimitation exercise.

Senior counsel echoed the court's oral observation about the need for census as a pre-condition to reserve seats for women.

Justice Nagarathna said the census would quantify the population, based on which the seats would be scientifically reserved for women.

Too much to bear: SC on highway accident cases

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday said two back-to-back highway accidents, one in Telangana and the other at Phalodi in Rajasthan, claiming nearly 40 lives, many of them children, was "too much" to bear.

The court directed the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) and the Centre to explain why Indian roads continued to be such killers of innocents.

"This is just too much. In two days, there have been two horrible accidents. Nearly 40 people have gone," Justice J.K. Maheshwari, accompanied by Justice Vijay Bishnoi on the Bench, remarked.

In final phase today, Bihar's voters will line up to get fingers inked in 122 seats

The fate of 12 Ministers in the Nitish Kumar-led State Cabinet is going to be decided in the second phase; the Grand Alliance parties are involved in 'friendly' fights in 11 constituencies; HAM(S) led by Union Minister Jitan Ram Manjhi, and Rajya Sabha MP Upendra Kushwaha's RLM face acid test

Amit Bhelari
PATNA

The second and final phase of polling for the Bihar Assembly election in 122 Assembly constituencies spread across some 20 districts will take place on Tuesday, and 1,302 candidates are in the fray. Polling will also be held in Jharkhand's Ghatshila for an Assembly byelection.

According to Election Commission (EC) data, polling will be held at 45,399 polling stations in Bihar – 5,326 of them in urban areas and 40,073 in rural areas.

More than half the electorate (2.28 crore) are aged between 30 and 60. Only 7.69 lakh are in the 18-19 age group. The total number of women voters in these 122 constituencies is 1.75 crore.

In the first phase of polling held for 121 constituencies in 18 districts on November 6, the State had recorded its highest voting percentage in history with a 64.66% turnout.

The final phase includes Assembly constituencies in the Magadh, Mithilanchal, Seemanchal, Shahabad and Tirhut regions.

A democratic exercise: Security officials carry EVMs as part of preparations on the eve of the second phase of voting in the Bihar Assembly election in Gaya, on Monday. PTI

Of the 122 constituencies, 101 are general, 19 reserved for Scheduled Castes (SC) and two for Scheduled Tribes (ST). In the 2020 Assembly election, the National Democratic Alliance's (NDA) performance was poor in the Magadh and Shahabad regions, where it won just eight out of 48 constituencies.

In 2020, the NDA won 66 of the 122 seats while the Grand Alliance (*Mahagatbandhan*) won 49.

This time, the challenge for the Grand Alliance has got tougher because "friendly" fights between the alliance partners are taking place in 11 constituencies.

No. of seats in alliances

In the second phase, the BJP is contesting from the most number of seats in the NDA – 53. The JD(U) is contesting 44. The Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas), led by Chirag Paswan, has fielded candidates in 15, the HAM(S) in six and the RLM in four.

In the Grand Alliance, the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) is contesting from 71 constituencies, the highest among the allies, the Congress from 37 constituencies, the Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) (Liberation) from six, the Communist Party of India (CPI) from five and the Vikassheel Insaan Party (VIP) from eight. In all, 127 INDIA bloc candidates are in the fray in 122 constituencies.

The final phase is crucial for the Hindustani Awam Morcha (Secular), led by Union Minister Jitan Ram Manjhi, and the Rashtriya Lok Morcha (RLM), headed by former Union Minister and Rajya Sabha member Upendra Kushwaha.

Mr. Kushwaha's wife Snehlata's fate is at stake in Sasaram. Mr. Manjhi's daughter-in-law Deepa Kumari is contesting from Imamganj and Deepa Kumari's mother Jyoti Devi from Barachatti.

Bihar Pradesh Congress Committee (BPCC) president Rajesh Ram's fate will also be decided in this phase. He is contesting from Kutumba in Aurangabad district.

In Seemanchal, this phase is crucial for the All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul (AIMIM), led by Asaduddin Owaisi, which has fielded 12 of its 28 candidates in the region, including AIMIM state president Akhtarul Iman from Amour. In the last election, the AIMIM won five seats.

The prominent names contesting in this phase include LJP (RV) state president Raju Tiwari from Govindganj, HAM(S) State president Anil Kumar from Tikari, besides former Assembly Speaker Uday Narayan Choudhary and former Deputy Chief Minister Tarkeshwar Prasad.

The fate of 12 Ministers of the Nitish Kumar government is also going to be decided in the second phase, the prominent among them being Energy Minister Bijendra Prasad Yadav from Supaul, Industry Minister Nitish Mishra from Jhanjharpur and Transport Minister Sheela Mandal from Phulparas.

Bihar election: NHRC notice to poll officials over RJD's viral song

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Complainant says the song recorded in Samastipur features children and spreads caste-based hatred

Acting on a complaint alleging that a viral election song of the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) from Samastipur in Bihar features children and spreads caste-based hatred, the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) on Monday issued notice to officials, including the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC).

The notice was sent to the Chief Electoral Officer of Bihar, and the district police and administrative authorities in Samastipur from the Bench of NHRC member Priyank Kanoongo, who asked the officials to inquire into the matter and take urgent steps to prevent the exploitation of minors by RJD workers or supporters.

Report sought

The notice directed the authorities to ensure the protection of children's rights under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015. They have been asked to provide counselling to the children featured in the video, as well as to their parents or guardians, if required.

An action-taken report (ATR) has been sought by the NHRC within two weeks for its perusal. According to the complaint, the language and presentation of the song are "provocative, divisive, and aimed at deepening caste-based animosity in society".

The complainant claimed such actions reflect the dangerous influence of the RJD's caste-based ideology, which could harm the psychological development of children and undermine democratic values.

The complainant emphasised that using minors in such propaganda violates the provisions of the Juvenile Justice Act, and Articles 14, 15, 19(1)(a) and 21 of the Constitution. It further requested for an independent probe, accountability of those involved in the video's creation, and legal action to prevent any political party, especially the RJD, from involving minors in caste-based or hate-driven propaganda.

2027 U.P. polls decisive for democracy, says Akhilesh

Mayank Kumar
LUCKNOW

The Uttar Pradesh Assembly election in 2027 will prove to be a decisive fight to save democracy, Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav said on Monday, adding that the PDA (Pichhda, Dalit, Alpsankhyak) coalition had become a major challenge for the ruling dispensation.

"It was the Samajwadi Party that had stopped the BJP's growth in Uttar Pradesh. Now, we have the goal of forming a socialist government in 2027. The 2027 election will prove to be decisive to save democracy," said Mr. Yadav, addressing a press conference in Lucknow.

The SP president, who addressed a meeting of district and city presidents of the party at its State headquarters in Lucknow, said the Special Intensive Revision exercise has to be paid full attention. "Do not allow deletion of names of your voters, fill up the forms of those who want to be added. The BJP workers have colluded with the administration to remove the votes of the supporters of the Samajwadi Party ahead of the teacher-graduate MLC elections," added the SP president.

Mr. Yadav added, "All sections of the society are with the SP. The BJP is playing with the sentiments of the people and every section understood the game plan of the ruling party. The SP pushed the demand for a caste-based census and now, it is supported by other parties..."

The SP leader called for broader unity of democratic and secular forces for saving democratic values. "The situation is dangerous in the State. From Saharanpur to Sonbhadra-Mirzapur, illegal mining is being done in the entire State. There is no rule of law. We need a broader coalition of democratic and secular forces for saving democratic values and Constitution," he said.

Tejashwi asks EC why gender-wise data of Bihar electors not released

Amit Bhelari
PATNA

Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader and Grand Alliance chief ministerial face Tejashwi Yadav on Monday criticised the Election Commission (EC) for "not disclosing gender-wise data" of electors even four days after they had cast their votes in the first phase of the Bihar Assembly election.

"The EC has not yet provided the data to the people of Bihar even four days after the first phase of election, nor has the percentage of male and female voters been dislcosed," Mr. Yadav said.

"Why are the figures being hidden in the era of technology? Previously, all information was available manually within 24 hours, but in this age of technology, people want to know why the Election Commission is not providing the information, and this raises suspicion," he said.

The EC had maligned its name on the issue, he said and wondered where the poll body stood.

Query time: RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav says people want to know why the poll panel is not providing the gender ratio of turnout. ANI

"The EC has become a laughing stock and democracy is being mocked. Even foreign media is laughing at the EC," the Leader of the Opposition in the Bihar Assembly said.

Alleging that in many places, the CCTV cameras at the counting centres were being turned off for some time in the night, Mr. Yadav said the EC should explain why this was happening.

The RJD leader also claimed that 208 companies of police from Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-ruled States had been engaged in election duty, and 68% of the observers in the 243 Assembly constituencies were from BJP-ruled States.

"Police forces used to participate in elections previously but they were Central security forces. This is the first time that police forces from BJP-ruled States have been brought. However, police forces from neighbouring States such as West Bengal and Jharkhand were not called, nor were police forces from Opposition-ruled States such as Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Tripura, and Punjab called. What is the reason," he asked.

Mr. Yadav, who held 171 public meetings over the course of his campaign, said the people of Bihar had voted for change and transformation in the first phase.

'80% CAPF forces'

Responding to Mr. Yadav's remarks, an EC official said the overall male-female gender ratio in voter turnout was generally provided at the time of the final turnout.

Nearly 80% of the police were deployed from the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF), and only about 20% of the police had been deployed from the State Armed Police, drawn proportionately from different States based on availability.

CCTVs cameras had been functioning at all strong rooms, and if any malfunctioning came to light, it was promptly rectified, the official said.

NDA is heading for historic victory in Bihar polls: BJP

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) said on Monday that the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) was heading towards a historic victory in the Bihar Assembly election.

Countering Tejashwi Yadav's remarks that industrial units are located only in BJP-ruled States, Union Minister and BJP MP Ravi Shankar Prasad listed projects implemented in Bihar.

"So far, 17 ethanol projects have been launched in Bihar. The Government of India has for the first time fulfilled the available quota. Major investments have been made in textiles in Bettiah, Madhubani, Patna, and Begusarai districts... Bihar has become a major hub for biscuit factories and food processing ventures... MoUs worth ₹1.18 lakh crore have been signed," said Mr. Prasad, attributing these developments to an environment free of terror, crime, and fear in Bihar.

NDA supporters raise slogans at a campaign rally of BJP leader and Union Home Minister Amit Shah in Arwal, Bihar on November 9. ANI

He said the NDA's consecutive victories over the past 20 years were due to the trust factor, adding that Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Nitish Kumar would jointly ensure Bihar's development.

"This election is about *jungle raj* versus good governance. Mr. Tejashwi Yadav is carrying forward his father's legacy of corruption, misgovernance, and fear... [RJD chief] Lalu Prasad has been sentenced to prison in fodder scam cases. What does *jungle raj* mean? Fear, intimidation, kidnapping, corruption, and lack of action," the BJP leader said.

Mr. Prasad said that during the election campaign, the alliance stood united with one goal – "One leader at the national level, Narendra Modi; one leader at the State level, Nitish Kumar."

BJD chief Patnaik expresses displeasure over alleged violation of MCC in Nuapada bypoll

Satyasundar Barik
BHUBANESWAR

Former Odisha Chief Minister and Biju Janata Dal (BJD) president Naveen Patnaik on Monday expressed strong displeasure over the alleged violation of the Model Code of Conduct (MCC), accusing Ministers and ruling BJP MLAs of remaining in Nuapada despite being required to leave the district 36 hours before polling.

Nuapada goes to the polls on Tuesday. The bypoll is being held following the demise of former Minister and senior BJD leader Rajendra Dholakia.

In a social media post on X, Mr. Patnaik said: "The hallmark of a true democracy lies in the conduct of free and fair elections.

However, it has come to our notice that in Nuapada, serious violations are taking place during the legally mandated silence period – 36 hours before polling."

The veteran leader cited Election Commission (EC) guidelines stating that political leaders and campaigners from outside the constituency must leave the area once the silence period begins.

"Contrary to this, we have reliable information that Ministers, MLAs, and leaders of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) from outside Nuapada are freely moving around and attempting to influence voters through unfair means," he said.

Naveen Patnaik

"Disturbingly, when local BJD leaders have objected to these activities, they have been detained by the police. This clearly suggests that the district administration and local police are acting in a partisan manner, serving the interests of the ruling party rather than upholding electoral neutrality."

'Integrity in question'

"This situation strikes at the very core of democratic fairness and undermines public faith in the electoral process. Such actions will cast a serious shadow on the integrity of the polls in Nuapada," said former Odisha Chief Minister, who also holds the presidentship of BJD.

The BJD chief urged the Election Commission of India (ECI) to "enforce the 36-hour silence period strictly so that Ministers, MLAs, and BJP leaders from outside vacate the constituency as per ECI norms."

He also appealed to the Commission to direct administration and police to act impartially and uphold the sanctity of the election process, while keeping a close watch on sensitive and vulnerable booths identified by the BJD and other opposition parties.

"The people of India have inherited this democracy through the sacrifices of our forefathers, and it is the duty of every institution especially the ECI to protect it from erosion," Mr. Patnaik said.

Ensure a smooth Winter Session: Birla

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Monday said "planned disruptions" of the proceedings of the House are not good practices in a democracy.

Talking to reporters during the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) conference in Kohima, he said convening a session of Parliament is the prerogative of the government, and the session's duration depends on the official agenda.

"The government decides the duration of the session based on the business it plans to transact. It will be our endeavour to discuss with all political parties to ensure the smooth functioning of the House," he said.

The Winter Session of Parliament will begin on December 1 and end on December 19, with 15 sittings. The Opposition has questioned the short duration of the session.

Mr. Birla asked political parties to use Parliament as a forum to raise issues of public concern and not to create disruptions.

"The session is a time for discussion, exchange of views, raising people-centric issues, and voicing their expectations and aspirations. We expect that all political parties will raise issues inside the House, not outside," the Lok Sabha Speaker added.

INBRIEF

Actor Dharmendra admitted to hospital in Mumbai

Actor Dharmendra is under observation at a Mumbai hospital and is being "continuously monitored" his wife Hema Malini said on Monday. The 89-year-old actor has been in and out of south Mumbai's Breach Candy Hospital for several days. As rumours about his condition swirled on social media and elsewhere, an industry insider said Dharmendra was in a serious condition. "Dharamji's health is not in a great state," the insider said on condition of anonymity. A representative of Dharmendra's son Sunny Deol denied reports that the *Sholay* star was on ventilator. "Mr. Dharmendra is stable and under observation. Further comments and updates will be shared as available." PTI

Rajnath Singh lauds DPSUs on acquiring Miniratna status

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh chaired a comprehensive review meeting of defence public sector undertakings (DPSUs) at the newly inaugurated DPSU Bhavan at the World Trade Centre here on Monday. At the meeting, Munitions India Limited (MIL), Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited (AVNL), India Optel Limited (IOL), and Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL) were felicitated on being granted the Miniratna (Category-I) status. The Minister commended the DPSUs for strengthening India's defence manufacturing ecosystem and advancing the national vision of self-reliance. He said that the newly granted Miniratna status will enable greater capacity expansion and modernisation.

India and Vietnam move to strengthen defence ties

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh met Vietnam's Minister of National Defence, General Phan Van Giang, on the sidelines of the 15th India-Vietnam Defence Policy Dialogue in Hanoi on Monday.

He conveyed warm greetings from Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, and reaffirmed India's commitment to further strengthening defence cooperation with Vietnam.

During the dialogue, co-chaired by Mr. Rajesh Singh and Vietnam's Deputy Minister of National Defence Senior Lieutenant-General Hoang Xuan Chien, both sides reviewed ongoing defence engagements and explored new areas of collaboration.

MoA signed

A memorandum of agreement on Mutual Submarine Search and Rescue Support and Cooperation and a letter of intent on Defence Industry Cooperation were signed.

The discussions underscored that defence partnership continues to be a key pillar of the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between India and Vietnam, a press statement said.

Ministry simplifies rules to boost cornea transplant services

A notification was issued on Nov. 6 removing mandatory requirement of clinical specular equipment in corneal transplantation centres

Bindu Shajan Perappadan
NEW DELHI

Corneal blindness is the second-leading cause of blindness in the over-50 age group in India. REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE

The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has amended the Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues (Amendment) Rules, 2025 to boost cornea donation and transplant services across the country. A notification in this regard was issued on November 6 under the under the Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Act, 1994.

The mandatory requirement of the clinical specular equipment in corneal transplantation centres has now been removed under this amendment. Clinical specular microscopes are used to assess the health and density of corneal endothelial cells.

"This change has been introduced after careful consideration of expert recommendations and stakeholder consultations," said a release issued by the Ministry on Monday. It added that the move also aligns with the government's vision to promote equitable access to organ and tissue transplantation services.

The amendment strengthens the National Organ Transplant Programme (NOTP) and streamlines functioning of corneal transplantation centres, the Ministry added.

It said the amendment is expected to ease infrastructure and operational challenges, particularly for smaller eye centres in rural and semi-urban areas. A corneal transplant is a surgical procedure to replace a damaged or diseased cornea with healthy donor tissue to restore vision and reduce pain.

The cornea is the clear, front part of the eye that helps focus light; when it becomes cloudy or scarred from injury, infection, or certain medical conditions, vision can be significantly impaired. The transplant can involve replacing the entire cornea or just the affected layers.

As per an article published in the *Indian Journal of Ophthalmology*, titled *Corneal blindness in India: The care gap*, corneal blindness has been the second-leading cause of blindness in the over-50 age group in India. It said the country has an estimated 1.2 million corneal blind persons.

Petition in SC says GenAI may lead to fake case laws

Plea says process of hallucinations will mean GenAI will be based on a law that might not even exist

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday agreed to list after a fortnight a petition saying indiscriminate use of Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) in judicial work could lead to "hallucinations", resulting in fictitious judgments and research material, and even perpetuate bias.

Chief Justice of India B.R. Gavai, before whose Bench the case came up, reacted that the judges were aware and vocal about the incursions made by AI in judicial functioning.

Kartikeya Rawal, an advocate represented by his counsel, Abhinav Shrivastava, urged the top court to formulate a strict policy or, at least, frame guidelines for regulated, transparent, secure and uniform use of GenAI in courts, tribunals and other quasi-judicial bodies until a law was put in place.

The petition warned the opaque use of AI and Machine Learning technologies in the judicial system and governance would trigger constitutional and human rights concerns. The judiciary must avail only data free from bias, and the ownership of that data must be transparent enough to ensure stakeholders' liability.

"The skill of GenAI to leverage advanced neural networks and unsupervised learning to generate new data, uncover hidden patterns, and automate complex processes can lead to 'hallucinations', resulting in fake case laws, AI bias, and lengthy observations... This process of hallucinations would mean that GenAI would not be based on precedents but on a law that might not even exist," the petition submitted.

GenAI was capable of producing original content based on prompts or query. It could create realistic images, generate content such as graphics and text, answer questions, explain complex concepts, and convert language into code. GenAI algorithms could also "replicate, perpetuate, aggravate" pre-existing biases, discrimination, and stereotypical practices, raising ethical-challenges, Mr. Rawal said.

Remembering V. Rajaraman, a tireless evangelist of computer education in India

TRIBUTE

Dinesh C. Sharma

The software programming and services sector in India has done remarkably well. Computer programming that started in a small way in academic institutions in the 1960s developed into a formidable industry in a few decades. This was possible due to the rapid spread of programming skills even before full-fledged graduate and postgraduate courses.

These efforts were pioneered at the IIT-Kanpur under Vaidyeswaran Rajaraman, who was awarded the Padma Bhushan in 1998. He passed away on November 8.

Rajaraman began his career at a time when computers had to be designed, fabricated, and programmed for specific purposes. As a young student of electrical communication engineering at the Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, in the mid-1950s, he worked on a project to design an analogue computer led by Vincent Rideout, a visiting professor from the University of Wisconsin. Rideout had brought with him components, sub-assemblies, and operational amplifiers to fabricate the computer. After Rideout left, Rajaraman took charge of this machine, added features, and made it useful for researchers at the institute.

He went on to pursue a Master's at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a doctorate from Wisconsin, after which he returned to India and joined the then-new IIT-Kanpur. One of the first courses that he taught was on carpentry. When an IBM mainframe arrived in 1964, it became the nucleus of the computer centre. Since academic courses in computer science had yet to begin, Rajaraman conducted 10-day intensive courses in Fortran, a programming language developed in the 1950s, for programmers from other research centres and industry.

V. Rajaraman

While conducting short-term courses and teaching regular students, he found there were no books available for them. He put together his notes on Fortran programming and got them printed as a booklet in 1968. It was sold in the campus bookstore for ₹5. After its popularity became evident, he was able to get Prentice Hall to print it: on low-quality paper and priced at ₹15, due to his condition that it be cheaper than photocopying the whole book. It became a bestseller.

After running the M.Tech. programme in computer science, he lobbied for a B.Tech. in computer science. The IIT governing authorities grudgingly introduced the course with 20 seats in 1979. Gradually, other IITs and universities started independent departments of computer science and engineering. In the 1980s, when software exports were becoming an industry, Rajaraman, as the head of the computer manpower committee, made far-reaching recommendations that resulted in new courses, such as the three-year Master of Computer Applications. In 1982, he returned to the IISc, where he headed the Supercomputer Education and Research Centre until 1994.

Despite his contributions as a teacher, policy-maker, industry consultant, and author, he shunned the limelight and continued his pursuits even after he turned 90. His latest book was published in June 2024.

(Dinesh C. Sharma is a journalist based in New Delhi, and author of 'The Outsourcer: The Story of India's IT Revolution')

India airlifts 197 citizens rescued from cybercrime centres in south Myanmar

This is part of Govt. of India's efforts to ensure safety of Indian nationals in distress overseas

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

Continuing with its operations to repatriate Indian nationals who were employed in the cyberscam centres of southern Myanmar, the Indian Air Force (IAF) on Monday evacuated 197 Indian nationals from Thailand's Mae Sot.

The Indian embassy in Thailand said Thai Prime Minister Anutin Charnvirakul came to Mae Sot to oversee the operation.

"Both sides reaffirmed their steadfast commitment to combating transnational crimes, including cyber scams and human trafficking in the region, and to enhance cooperation among the relevant agencies in both countries for this purpose," said the Indian embassy in a statement after Indian Ambassador to Thailand, Nagesh Singh, met with Prime Minister Charnvirakul in Mae Sot.

On November 6, the IAF evacuated 270 nationals who were working in Myanmar's Myawaddy and had crossed into Mae Sot after the Myanmar military cracked down on the illegal scam centres. Myanmar military had started operation in Myawaddy during the second fortnight of October forcing workers in the scam centres belonging to multiple nationalities to cross into Thailand where they were detained for entering without valid documents.

"Embassy of India, Bangkok and Consulate of India in Chiang Mai, in close coordination with various agencies of the Royal Thai Government, facilitated this repatriation. This is part of Government of India's sustained efforts to ensure safety and security of Indian nationals while in distress overseas," said the Indian embassy in Bangkok in a statement.

Mr. Charnvirakul had expressed his government's determination to stem the cyberfraud centres of Myanmar.

Authorities here had told *The Hindu* that the Indian nationals who are being airlifted would be subjected to detailed questioning.

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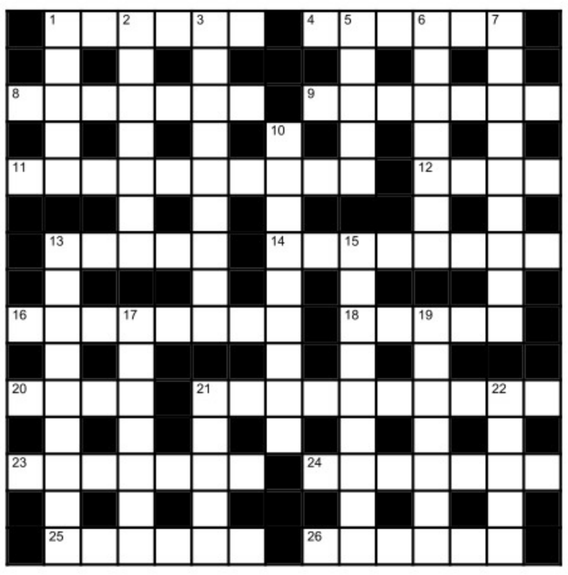

Across

1 Most attractive officer is trim (3,3)
4 Address of number one boarding school (5)
8 Public unlikely to avoid bars in general? (7)
9 Winning's delightful, and in general, inspiring! (7)
11 Start process to check source of income tax (10)
12 Only person in the auditorium? (4)
13/25 One in a suit is in assistant's room, according to Spooner (3,2,6)
14 Write in school about kid topping in exams (8)
16 Attacks a sailor verbally, on board (8)
18 Time to stop marketing this gizmo? (5)
20 Against America's new tariff increase primarily (4)
21 Is water often served by them? (10)
23 Conditions were extremely heart-wrenching (7)
24 Most rude lout, having something sweet (7)
25 See 13 Across
26 Border security's checking families (6)

Down

1 Either way, it's local (5)
2 One wearing headgear drops a European engine driver (7)
3 Was full of guilt, and left? (4,5)
5 Sounds like flat is ordinary (5)
6 Right away supply American parts for consumer (3,5)
7 What an innkeeper may do, to get this type of moustache? (9)
10 With this case, one's turning silent and vicious (5,4)
13 Police see lead from Norman Bates, to find people who are missing (9)
15 Mohanlal, for one, taking meals without a bit of pepper and salt (9)
17 A little song and a treat arranged around lunchtime (7)
19 General Electric decided to accept Tesla's point (7)
21 Earlier, husband and wife turned up - at which place? (5)
22 Vessels were destroyed by torpedoes ultimately (6)

SUDOKU

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

6	4	1	9	2	8	3	7	5
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3	7	9	5	1	6	4	2	8
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4	1	5	6	7	9	2	8	3
7	9	2	8	3	1	6	5	4
9	8	4	1	6	5	7	3	2
1	2	6	7	8	3	5	4	9
5	3	7	2	9	4	8	1	6

FAITH

Unwavering devotion

Placing complete trust in God and following the principles of dharmic living regardless of circumstances will endear one to the Almighty. Such unwavering faith is not only its own reward in one's spiritual journey in life but will also fetch one His eternal protection, said P. Swaminathan.

Our spiritual history is replete with examples of staunch devotees, hailing from humble backgrounds, who remained steadfast despite trying circumstances, knowing that God would protect them. Devotion enriches the faithful, said Bhagwan Ramakrishna Paramahamsa. Long ago, there lived a weaver who was a true follower of Lord Rama. When he took his woven cloth to the market at periodic intervals, he prefaced his interactions with the customers there, saying, "According to Lord Rama, this cloth costs ..." Soon he became familiar to all as the true devotee of Rama who was honest, upright and god-fearing.

One night he faced an unexpected challenge: he was caught by the city guards with a bag of stolen goods and imprisoned. At court, he said, according to Lord Rama's advice, he had his dinner the night of his arrest and was sitting on the porch. Again, following Rama's advice, four men arrived there with a big bundle. They sought help to carry the bundle and he obliged. As they were walking carrying the bundle, the guards arrived. The others ran way but he stood there, as per Rama's wish. A number of villagers appeared in the court to testify on their own volition. Each villager spoke highly of the weaver's high character, noble qualities and his principled way of living, fashioned after Lord Rama. The judge ordered his release and also praised his devotion to and faith in Rama.

INBRIEF

Novo Nordisk, Emcure to roll out weight loss drug Poviztra

Danish drugmaker Novo Nordisk announced a partnership with Emcure Pharma on Monday to launch its Poviztra, semaglutide injection 2.4 mg, in India. Poviztra is the second brand of its weight loss drug Wegovy that Novo Nordisk will be launching in India. The collaboration will strengthen the distribution and marketing, particularly through pharmacies and in regions beyond those currently served by Novo Nordisk India, the two companies said in a statement.

ISMA welcomes sugar export permit announcement

The government's decision to permit 15 lakh tonnes of sugar for export during the current sugar season will enable the sugar mills to plan their production in advance and channel surplus sugar into global markets, said the Indian Sugar and Bio-Energy Manufacturers Association (ISMA). As a long-term measure, the ISMA strongly urged for revision of the minimum selling price (MSP) of sugar, which has remained unchanged for over six years.

HUDCO launches one-stop investment facilitator

The Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd. (HUDCO) on Monday launched the 'Urban Invest Window', a one-stop investment facilitator for Indian cities to support fast growth. The 'UiWIN' initiative was launched by Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Manohar Lal Khattar at the National Urban Conclave here. UiWIN is expected to facilitate more investments in cities from multiple sources – which are faster and on better terms.

Centre yet again seeks auto industry inputs on EV import policy

The policy failed to attract bidders before last month's deadline expired; industry given three weeks' time to submit its recommendations

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

No takers: Auto-makers could be waiting for import concessions to be offered under the India-EU trade pact, says an official. REUTERS

The government has once again invited suggestions from the auto industry on its electric vehicle (EV) import policy, which offers duty concessions in exchange for local manufacturing commitments, after failing to attract any bidders before last month's deadline expired.

In June, the government invited auto players to submit their interest for the Scheme to Promote Manufacturing of Electric Passenger Cars (SPMEPC) in India, which permits automakers to import up to 8,000 EVs at a reduced duty rate of 15%, compared with the current 70-100%, provided they commit to invest ₹4,150 crore in local EV manufacturing.

However, the deadline for submissions, which ended on October 21, passed without a single applicant. Subsequently, the Ministry of Heavy Industries held a round of consultation with the auto industry in the last week of October, seeking suggestions. "If these suggestions are viable, we may reopen [the application window]," a government official said.

The industry has been given three weeks to submit recommendations to the policy. To a question on why auto players did not show interest, the official said one of the reasons was the ongoing negotiations for India-EU trade agreement and the import concessions that could be offered under it.

The government has also received suggestions to include ICE vehicles under the scheme. However, the official said while "minor changes could be made, the fundamentals cannot be altered."

E-com sites may have to disclose country of origin of goods sold

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The amendment will ensure transparency, the Centre said.

A set of draft rules released on Monday by the Union Department of Consumer Affairs has proposed to make it mandatory for e-commerce platforms to provide 'searchable and sortable filters' based on the 'country of origin' for packaged commodities sold online.

"This will enhance consumer empowerment and transparency in online shopping," the government said in a release.

The Draft Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) (Second) Amendment Rules, 2025, proposes to add in rule 6, in sub-rule (10) of the existing rules that: "Provided that every e-commerce entity selling imported products shall provide a searchable and sortable filter for the country of origin, with their product listings."

The release added that the amendment seeks to empower consumers to make informed purchasing decisions by allowing them to easily identify the origin of products while shopping online. "The proposed feature will enable consumers to search and sort products by their country of origin, thereby enhancing transparency and reducing the time required to locate such information across vast product listings," it said.

Stakeholders can submit their observations and comment on the draft rules to the government till November 22, 2025. "The amendment directly supports the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' and 'Vocal for Local' initiatives by making 'Made in India' products easily discoverable," the Centre added.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	MONDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	83,535	0.38
US Dollar	88.73	-0.09
Gold	1,25,900	1.04
Brent oil	63.44	—

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2370.70	1.30
Adani Ports	1444.90	-3.40
Apollo Hosp	7529.50	-112.50
Asian Paints	2650.40	36.60
Axis Bank	1217.00	-5.80
Bajaj Auto	8772.00	50.50
Bajaj Finserv	2118.30	16.20
Bajaj Finance	1085.00	18.40
Bharat Elec	416.85	2.60
Bharti Airtel	2019.80	18.60
Cipla	1511.50	5.80
Coal India	381.35	5.35
Dr Reddys Lab	1198.70	-6.70
Tata Motors CV	260.75	0.00
Eicher Motors	6866.50	-19.50
Eternal Ltd.	301.45	-4.65
Grasim Ind	2762.90	38.30
HCL Tech	1540.50	28.10
HDFC Bank	984.50	2.20
HDFC Life	750.70	1.45
Hindalco	785.20	-5.20
Hind Unilever	2408.80	-5.20
ICICI Bank	1348.00	5.00
IntGlobeAvi	5588.50	5.00
Infosys	1513.50	36.70
ITC	405.55	1.50
Jio Financial Servic-es Ltd.	301.95	2.65
JSW Steel	1179.30	7.60
Kotak Bank	2092.70	4.40
L&T	3918.50	36.00
M&M	3663.90	-26.30
Maruti Suzuki	15583.00	104.00
Max Healthcare	1098.00	-37.30
NestleIndia	1262.90	0.20
NTPC	325.45	-0.65
ONGC	251.40	-0.80
PowerGrid Corp	268.20	-3.80
Reliance Ind	1489.30	11.30
SBI Life	1989.30	-9.60
State Bank	951.15	-4.70
Shriram Finance Ltd.	821.10	4.75
Sun Pharma	1697.80	6.40
TataConsumerPro-duct	1142.70	-24.50
Tata Steel	181.48	0.11
TCS	3025.20	33.40
Tech Mahindra	1397.80	11.10
Titan	3803.00	33.70
Tata Motors PV	410.45	4.75
Trent Ltd.	4283.70	-343.60
UltraTech Cement	11728.00	-121.00
Wipro	239.84	3.35

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on November 10

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	88.54	88.87
Euro	102.32	102.72
British Pound	116.46	116.92
Japanese Yen (100)	57.42	57.64
Chinese Yuan	12.43	12.49
Swiss Franc	109.83	110.24
Singapore Dollar	67.93	68.20
Canadian Dollar	63.16	63.42
Malaysian Ringitt	21.26	21.38
Australian Dollar	57.82	58.04

Source:Indian Bank

TRAI proposes mandating clearer telco-to-telco calls

Aroon Deep
NEW DELHI

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on Monday proposed an overhaul of the interconnect regulations that govern how different networks connect with and compensate each other for call and data traffic.

Specific mandate

In a consultation paper on "Review of existing TRAI Regulations on Interconnection matters," the regulator specifically floats the idea of mandating digital ("all-IP") interconnection between telcos to boost call quality and reliability of service. The main wireless telecom operators – Bharti Airtel Ltd., Vodafone Idea Ltd. and Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd. – have shifted to at least 4G, if not 5G, technologies, which should enable them to provide high speed internet and high quality calls over technologies like VoLTE (voice over LTE) and VoNR (voice over 5G networks).

However, telcos largely seem to be using analogue interconnection technologies for calls between their subscribers and people on other networks, leading to a noticeable dip in quality in phone calls outside a telecom firm's network.

Rural unemployment down, urban joblessness up, finds government survey

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Rural workforce continued to concentrate in agri sector.

The Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) conducted by the Labour Bureau for the July-September 2025 quarter show unemployment rate among persons aged 15 years and above in rural areas declined to 4.4% during the period from 4.8% in the previous quarter.

The PLFS also showed urban unemployment rate had "edged up slightly", with rates increasing from 6.1% to 6.2% for males, and from 8.9% to 9.0% for females, during the same period. Overall, the unemployment rate among persons aged 15 years and above dropped to 5.2% in July-September, 2025 from 5.4% in the previous quarter, according to the survey.

Self-employment dominated in rural areas while in urban areas, jobs were based on regular wages or salaried employment. Self-employed persons of age 15 years and above in rural areas increased to 62.8% during July- September, up from 60.7% recorded in the previous quarter of April-June 2025.

"In urban areas, the share of regular wage/ salaried employment also showed marginal improvement, rising to 49.8% in July-September from 49.4% in April-June, 2025," the survey found. "On average, 56.2 crore persons (aged 15 years and above) were employed in the country during the quarter of July-September 2025, of which 39.6 crore were male and 16.6 crore were female," the PLFS stated.

The rural workforce continued to concentrate in the agriculture sector, and the urban workforce were primarily employed by the tertiary sector. The majority of the rural workers were engaged in the agriculture sector, accounting for 57.7% during the period, up from 53.5% in the previous quarter. "This increase in the share of rural employment in the agriculture sector can be attributed to seasonal agricultural operations. In the urban areas, the tertiary sector remained dominant, engaging 62% of workers during July-September, 2025, slightly higher than 61.7% in April-June, 2025," the Bureau noted.

The overall Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) among females of age 15 years and above increased to 33.7% in July-September 2025 from 33.4% in the previous quarter. "This improvement was driven largely by the increase in female LFPR in rural areas from 37% in the quarter April-June 2025 to 37.5% in July-September 2025.

NPCI arm, BENEFIT sign pact for faster remittances

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

NPCI International Payments Ltd. (NIPL) has entered into a tie-up with BENEFIT, Bahrain's fintech and electronic financial transactions company, to enable real-time cross-border remittances between India and Bahrain.

EEPC calls for inclusion of steel, aluminium in trade talks with U.S.

The Hindu Bureau
COIMBATORE

Steel and aluminium products, especially those made by MSMEs, should be included in the ongoing negotiations with the U.S. for a bilateral trade agreement, EEPC India said.

The Engineering Export Promotion Council of India also suggested maintaining status quo in quota and the out-of-quota tariffs while negotiating a free trade agreement with the European Union.

Chairman Pankaj Chadha said the 50% tariff under Section 232 by the U.S. has significantly impacted engineering exports to the U.S. market, necessitating the inclusion of specified products in the BTA negotiations.

"The 50% tariff imposition by the U.S. increases the tariff differential with our competitors to an average of 30%. A special support package that can absorb at least 15% of this differential would help us to secure our position," Mr. Chadha said.

The new EU proposal on reducing quotas and increasing out-of-quota tariffs to 50% is a cause for concern, he added.

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GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
DEPARTMENT OF SURVEY AND SETTLEMENT
e-TENDER NOTICE

Online tenders are invited by the Director of Survey and Settlement of Government of Tamil Nadu for the procurement of High Resolution Satellite Data for the State of Tamil Nadu as per the specifications mentioned in the tender document. The tender document can be downloaded at free of cost from the portal **http://tntenders.gov.in/** from **10.11.2025.** The details of the tender are as follows

Tender Ref No.	**K1/41/25**
EMD Value	**Rs.25,00,000/-**
Tender Published date	**10.11.2025**
Pre-bid meeting	**On 21.11.2025 at 11:00 AM at the Directorate of Survey and Settlement, Survey House, Chepauk, Chennai – 05.**
Last date and time for online submission of bid	**09.12.2025 03:00 PM**
Technical bid opening	**10.12.2025 03.00 PM**

DIPR/6016/TENDER/2025

ADDITIONAL DIRECTOR (RESURVEY)
[TENDER INVITING AUTHORITY]

Bengaluru West City Corporation-Malleshwaram Zone
Office of the Executive Engineer, Malleshwaram Division, 2nd Cross Road, Jaladarshini Layout, MSR Nagar, Mathikere, Bengaluru-560 054.

No. EE/MLM/Kppp/05/2025-26 — Date: 10.11.2025

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)
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The Executive Engineer, Malleshwaram Division, BWCC, Bengaluru invites tender from eligible Tenderers registered in BBMP or equivalent registration with PWD/CPWD/ or any State Government Organisation for the execution of works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of work	Amount put to tender in Lakhs	EMD (in ₹.)
1.	Comprehensive Development of Ward Cross Roads, Drains and other allied works and Construction of Govt. Higher Primary School in Malleshwaram Assembly Constituency.	1985.00	19,85,000/-

Calendar of Events: (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the KPP Portal from : **13.11.2025 at 5:30 p.m. onwards. (2)** Last Date & Time for uploading tender documents on **28.11.2025 upto 5:30 p.m. (3)** Pre bid meeting will be held on **20.11.2025 at 4:00 p.m.** in the Office of the Chief Engineer, Malleshwaram Zone, BWCC, Palike Soudha Building, 1st Floor, 14th Cross, Chandra Layout, Bengaluru-560 072. **(4)** Opening of Technical document on **29.11.2025 at 5:30 p.m. (5)** Financial Opening date will be intimated through KPP Portal.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Malleshwaram Division, Malleshwaram Zone, BWCC.

Nephrocare gets SEBI's nod for IPO

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Dialysis provider Nephrocare Health Services has secured SEBI's approval to raise funds through an IPO.

The proposed IPO is a combination of an offer-for-sale of 1.27 crore equity shares by the selling shareholders and a fresh issue of ₹353.4 crore.

The company proposes to utilise the net proceeds of the fresh issue towards capital expenditure of ₹129.1 crore for opening dialysis clinics in India; ₹136 crore for pre-payment or scheduled repayment of certain borrowings availed and rest on general corporate purposes.

New business of life insurers rises 12% in Oct. to ₹34,007 crore

N. Ravi Kumar
HYDERABAD

New business premium of life insurance companies in India increased 12% in October to ₹34,006.95 crore compared with ₹30,347.60 crore a year earlier.

The increase in the new business or the first-year premium came on the back of a surge in the number of policies and schemes sold by them at 19,53,996 (12,01,214).

State-owned Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC), which is the market leader, reported a more than 12% increase in the new business premium to ₹19,274.01 crore (₹17,131.09 crore). The number of policies/schemes it sold in October stood at 12,59,739 (5,72,918).

The 26 private life insurers together posted a more than 11% increase in new business at ₹14,732.94 crore as against ₹13,216.51 crore in the same period previous fiscal.

The policies/scheme sold by them totalled 6,94,257 (6,28,296). For the seven months ended October, in the fiscal, the first-year premium of the life insurers increased 8.25% to ₹2,37,675.11 crore (₹2,19,561.64 crore).

Lenskart opens 1.7% lower than issue price

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Lenskart Solutions Ltd. listed at ₹395 a share, which was 1.7% lower than the issue price of ₹402, on the National Stock Exchange (NSE) on Monday.

On the BSE, the stock listed at ₹390, down 3% from the issue price. The stock fell to an intraday low of ₹356.1 a share after which it hit a high of ₹413.75 and closed at ₹403.1 on the first day of trading on the NSE.

The firm faced criticism for its expensive valuation, with the price-to-earnings ratio as high as 235 times.

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WASHINGTON

Syria's al-Sharaa meets Trump in first-ever White House visit

AP

Syria's President Ahmed al-Sharaa met U.S. President Donald Trump at the White House on Monday for unprecedented talks, just days after Washington removed him from a terrorism blacklist. Mr. Sharaa, whose rebel forces ousted longtime ruler Bashar al-Assad late last year, is the first Syrian leader to visit the White House. AFP

MOSCOW

Russia says Ukraine cannot win war, claims it seized more villages

AP

Russia said it was delusional to think Ukraine could win the war, while Moscow's army said it had seized three more villages. "The Europeans believe Ukraine can win the war and secure its interests through military means. This is the deepest delusion indulged in by the Kyiv regime," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said. AFP

WASHINGTON

Trump pardons Giuliani, others accused of overturning 2020 polls

REUTERS

U.S. President Donald Trump has pardoned his former personal lawyer Rudy Giuliani (in picture), his former Chief of Staff Mark Meadows and others accused of backing the Republicans' efforts to overturn the 2020 election, the government's pardon attorney Ed Martin said in a social media post. AP

ISLAMABAD

Pakistan says 20 militants killed in military action near Afghan border

AP

Pakistani security forces killed 20 Pakistani Taliban insurgents in raids on hideouts in the northwest region bordering Afghanistan, the military said on Monday. Eight militants were killed in North Waziristan, a former Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan stronghold, and 12 others were killed in a separate raid in Dara Adam Khel district. AP

'An institutional shift towards an open society needs time to take root'

'We have brought about many changes in our political culture; we have been very responsive to governance, we have allowed people to process what we are trying to do,' says Sri Lanka's Prime Minister, adding that taking the state machinery along has been challenging

INTERVIEW

Harini Amarasuriya

Meera Srinivasan
COLOMBO

A year into the National People's Power (NPP) government, Sri Lankan Prime Minister Harini Amarasuriya reflects on its achievements, the road ahead for economic reform, the challenges of pursuing justice and ethnic reconciliation, and what real change entails for the country, in this interview to *The Hindu*. Edited excerpts:

In September this year, President Anura Kumara Dissanayake completed one year in office. This month, the parliament completes a year. What has been the biggest success and challenge for your government?

Our success, I think, has been stability. Winning over the sceptics – who had the biggest fear that we would not be able to handle this, that we were inexperienced, that we did not know what we were talking about, did not have a plan, or that we are a bunch of communists. There was this huge fear that this was going to be unsuccessful, and that we would not be able to govern. I think we have proved everyone wrong.

We have brought about many changes in our political culture. We are not being extravagant or flashing our power all around. We have been very responsive to governance, we have allowed people to process what we are trying to do, and if there is resistance, we have adjusted. Some see that as a sign of weakness, but we don't. Strength comes from not abusing power, when you have a lot of it. In terms of challenge, it is not only about the politicians changing, right? You must take this big state machinery along with you. That has been the frustration – that things have not moved faster at the grassroots level.

Your coalition has acknowledged that the ongoing IMF programme is hard on ordinary people and had promised to renegotiate it. Why hasn't that been possible?

We had said we cannot renegotiate the whole terms of reference, or all the parameters which were earlier agreed upon with the IMF, since that would have led to further chaos, further destabilisation. I don't think we could have dealt with that, especially with the expectation that we would fail. To consolidate ourselves, we had to make sure we did not fail in the first instance. With that limitation, we have negotiated many things within those parameters, which are not entirely obvious, like [public] spending. We gave a significant public sector pay rise, incrementally brought in welfare benefits, raised capital expenditure on health and education. Those negotiations were not easily made, they were tough, but they are less dramatic. So, perhaps the feeling is that we have not negotiated, but I don't think that is a correct assessment.

You recently underscored a "home-grown process" to deal with allegations of past human rights violations. How will your government win the trust of war-affected Tamils?

We are not talking about a "home-grown solution" just because it is popular – we genuinely believe that is what will work in the long run and help prevent polarisation. Local systems must be designed to handle these issues; we cannot simply hand over responsibility to others. We must take ownership. The key, as you said, is trust, and that will take a lot of effort. This is also where we would welcome more dialogue with civil society – discussions that recognise we are a new government, the need to build a new narrative.

What do you mean by new narrative?

For years, we have had a particular way of understanding ethnic relations: what happened, who is to blame, and what needs to happen. Have we brought that up to speed with current realities and challenges? How might a generation born after the war be thinking and feeling about these issues? Also, many of our analyses rarely bring in the class factor. Our narratives about the war, ethnicity, and violence have missed that entire dimension.

Where does the NPP's promise to bring in a new constitution stand?

We have not fixed dates for it, but that has to happen. We have also said we are willing to start from where we left off in that earlier consultative process – and not reinvent the whole wheel. Of course, things have shifted since then, so there is a lot to consider. The Provincial Council elections need to take place, and that is targeted for next year. Funds have been allocated, and the Election Commission will have to work out the details – after looking into whether a new law is needed, or Parliament agrees to proceed with the old system. In our first two years, our priority will be on the economic side of things, because we cannot afford to let that ball drop. Also, an institutional shift towards a more open, inclusive society and structures, including an inclusive constitution needs time to take root. Otherwise, we risk falling back into the "them versus us" mentality.

What were your key takeaways from your recent, back-to-back visits to China and India?

The enormous goodwill was evident. Leaders and other officials from both countries showed great interest in Sri Lanka and expressed strong goodwill – wanting to engage, to help, and recognising Sri Lanka's importance to them.

Is there pressure on Sri Lanka while dealing with two major partners with competing interests?

I think we will always have to be careful about how we balance the different regional leaders and their ambitions. But in some ways, global changes are making this easier for us. Traditional lines of friendship and enmity no longer work the same way – the axis has clearly shifted towards this region. If we manage our relations wisely, I do not think we will face any undue pressure.

(For full interview: newsth.live/Harini)

U.S. Senate deal puts govt. closer to ending shutdown

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

The U.S. Senate took a major step toward ending the longest government shutdown in American history when it cleared the way for a formal debate on a motion to resume funding to federal agencies.

The development represents significant progress toward ending a government shutdown that has dragged on for over 40 days, halted funding to federal programs and disrupted air travel and other essential industries.

The breakthrough on Sunday came after Republican and Democratic lawmakers reached a stopgap agreement to fund the government through January, after wrangling over healthcare subsidies, food benefits and Trump's firings of federal employees.

Following the deal, the Republican-led chamber approved a procedural vote by 60 votes to 40, putting a hard limit on how much longer senators can discuss the legislative measure.

It will still need approval from the Republican-controlled House of Representatives before it lands on President Donald Trump's desk–a process which could take days. As the news emerged, Mr. Trump told reporters: "It looks like we're getting very close to the shutdown ending."

Democratic Senator Tim Kaine of Virginia was among the eight who joined Republicans to support the measure, saying: "I need a moratorium on the punishing of the federal workforce."

Republican Senator John Thune celebrated the win, and what it could mean for Americans facing financial strain. "After 40 days of uncertainty, I'm glad to be able to announce that nutrition programs, our veterans, and other critical priorities will have their full-year funding," Mr. Thune said.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL, MEDICAL EDUCATION & TRAINING, UTTAR PRADESH, 6th FLOOR, JAWAHAR BHAWAN, LUCKNOW.

No. ME-3/2025/2703 Lucknow : Dated 10/11/2025

TIME SCHEDULE FOR "STRAY VACANCY ROUND" OF U.P. NEET UG COUNSELING 2025 (M.B.B.S./B.D.S.)

In accordance with the schedule issued by the Medical Counseling Committee (MCC), New Delhi for the NEET UG course, the **schedule for the STRAY VACANCY ROUND** of online counseling for admission to state quota seats in undergraduate courses (MBBS/BDS) in government/private medical/dental colleges/institutions/ medical universities is as follows :-

S.No.	Description	Dates	Total Days
1.	Date of online registration and uploading of documents	**From:-** 11-11-2025 (12:00 PM) **To:-** 14-11-2025 (11:00 AM)	03 Days
2.	Date of depositing registration and security money	**From:-** 11-11-2025 (12:00 PM) **To:-** 14-11-2025 (02:00 PM)	04 Days
3.	Date of Merit List Declaration	**On:-** 14-11-2025	01 Days
4.	Date of On-line Choice filling	**From:-** 14-11-2025 (05:00 PM) **To:-** 17-11-2025 (11:00 AM)	03 Days
5.	Date of Allotment Result Declaration	**On:-** 17-11-2025	01 Days
6.	Date for downloading the allotment letters & Admission	**From:-** 18-11-2025 **To:-** 20-11-2025	03 Days

- As per the instructions contained in the government order/brochure of U.P. NEET UG 2025, candidates should assess their eligibility themselves.
- Only those candidates will be eligible for choice filling who have completed the online registration process, whose original documents have been verified online, and who have deposited the required security amount.
- The U.P. NEET UG 2025 information booklet (brochure) and important instructions are available on the websites www.upneet.in and www.dgme.up.gov.in, Keep checking websites regularly for updated information.
- The said counseling will be subject to the final orders passed by the Hon'ble High Court, Allahabad, Lucknow Bench, in Special Appeal No. 295/2025, Uttar Pradesh State & Others vs. Sabra Ahmad.

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DIRECTOR GENERAL

Trump threatens to sue BBC over speech edit; its Chair admits 'error of judgement'

Sriram Lakshman
LONDON

Tim Davie

Deborah Turness

U.S. President Donald Trump has threatened to sue the BBC for at least $1 billion over the way it edited a video of a speech he gave on January 6, 2021, before a mob of his supporters attacked the U.S. Capitol. A letter sent to the BBC from Mr. Trump' lawyer demanded a full apology, retraction of the documentary and for the BBC to "appropriately compensate" Mr. Trump.

BBC Director General Tim Davie and its new chief Deborah Turness had resigned on Sunday after it became widely known that the BBC's Panorama show had spliced clips together from different parts from Mr. Trump's January 6 speech. The Trump video gained wide publicity following a leak, by the *Daily Telegraph* newspaper, of a memo written by former BBC advisor Michael Prescott, in which he had criticized the BBC's coverage of Mr. Trump as well as transgender issues and Gaza.

The BBC made an "error of judgement" in the way in which it edited a video , BBC Chair Samir Shah told a U.K. Parliamentary Committee on Monday.

"..We accept the way in which the speech was edited did give the impression of a direct call for violent action," Mr. Shah wrote in a letter to the U.K. Parliament, adding, "The BBC would like to apologise for that error of judgement."

Asked in an interview on Monday if Mr. Trump would be suing the BBC, Mr. Shah said he did not know but that Mr. Trump was a "litigious fellow" and the BBC should be prepared for all outcomes. However, the letter from Mr. Trump's lawyer was addressed to Mr. Shah and apparently emailed to him.

Mr. Shah said in the interview that neither he nor the rest of the BBC wanted Mr. Davie to leave. The resignations come at a time when the public broadcaster's charter is up for renewal. Mr. Shah emphatically defended the BBC's record and said Mr. Prescott's memo was focused on identifying mistakes, which the BBC accepts.

Mr. Shah , who was born in India, was appointed by the Rishi Sunak Conservative government and became BBC Chair in 2024.

White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt said the BBC was "dying " because it was "anti-Trump fake news" and recommended another media outlet, which is considered right-wing .

"The White House is now telling us which news we should watch. Think about that for a bit," a well known U.K. TV host Kirstie Allsop said on X.

Conservative Party leader Kemi Badenoch welcomed the BBC resignations, as she called for tighter control of BBC Arabic.

Thailand nixes Cambodia deal after landmine injures troops

Agence France-Presse
BANGKOK

Thailand announced on Monday it was suspending the implementation of a peace agreement with neighbouring Cambodia after a landmine blast injured two Thai soldiers near the border.

The deal, overseen by U.S. President Donald Trump, was meant to secure an end to hostilities following border clashes in July that killed at least 43 people and displaced more than 300,000 civilians on both sides.

Thai government spokesman Siripong Angkasakulkiat said Bangkok would cease "the follow-up to the joint declaration", meaning the accord with Cambodia inked in October. "We thought that the security threat had eased, but it has not actually decreased," Thai Prime Minister Anutin Charnvirakul said.

Name and Address of the entity seeking Proposal:
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Bangalore 560 300 Web: www.bengaluruairport.com

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NOTICE TO EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

S. No.	Tender Title	Short description of scope of work
1	**Elevated Walkway connecting Airport Terminal Metro Station (ATMS) and Terminal-1 (T1) & Associated works**	The Contractor shall be fully responsible for the end-to-end execution of the project, encompassing, but not limited to Excavation, Civil, Structural, Interior Finishing works, Architectural, MEPF, ICT, Landscape and Softscape related works, ORAT, VHT Systems and Equipment, across Landside and Terminal. This responsibility includes securing all necessary statutory approvals. The Contractor shall ensure seamless coordination with Design Consultants, the Project Management Consultants (PMC), relevant authorities, and all other stakeholders to ensure the successful completion of Works. The successful contractor will be required to coordinate with all related works contractors for the completion of this project. The project objective is to develop a state-of-the-art walkway that blends with the surrounding ecosystem, ensures seamless connectivity incorporates sustainable and energy-efficient practices, and is executed with minimal operational disruption during construction. Overall walkway internal width: 8.5 m (approximately) Total Length of Walkway: 190 m (approximately) Overall Deck Width: 10 m (approximately) Total Deck Area: 1900 sqm (approximately)

Pre Qualification Criteria & other Information: Available on BIAL website www.bengaluruairport.com under Tenders section.
Submission Due Date & Time for all the above: 24th November 2025 at IST 1700 Hours.
Applicants who are interested shall express their interest through E-Mail: projecttenders@bialairport.com.
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MORE THE MERRIER

We want to have seven to eight bowling options in T20Is: Gambhir

AFP

In the Gautam Gambhir era, India has preferred to have batting till number eight. "Look the more the merrier (all-rounders), that is something which is important, it is always better to have more options... this T20 side we have got seven or eight bowling options, which is always important," the Indian team's head coach said.

MAKING A CASE

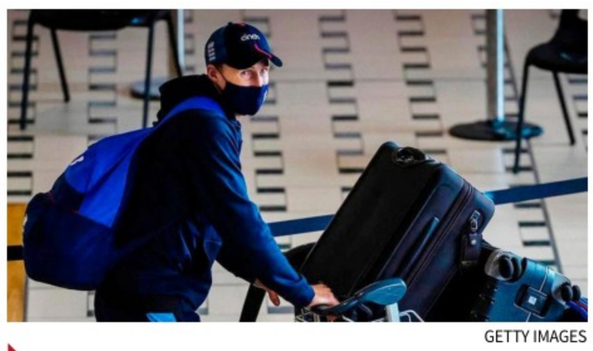
Ganguly backs Shami, says he should play across formats

FILE PHOTO: J. ALLEN EGENUSE

Former India captain Sourav Ganguly wants to see Mohammed Shami back in the Indian team across formats as he reckons the pacer is 'fit and is bowling exceptionally well." He said, "Shami is bowling exceptionally well. He is fit and we saw in the three Ranji Trophy matches, where he's won matches for Bengal on his own."

ALL READY

Root lands in Australia, hits the nets ahead of the Ashes



GETTY IMAGES

Star England batter Joe Root arrived in Australia ahead of the Ashes, which begins with the first Test at Perth on November 21. Root hit the nets on Monday. "I feel I am in a different place to when I last went out there. I haven't got the responsibility of captaincy and I am a lot more experienced," he said.

LATEST UPDATE

Samrat shoots down gold at Worlds, Tomar clinches bronze

ISSF

Samrat Rana, left, clinched India's maiden gold in an Olympic event, winning the 10m air pistol with 243.7 points, at the ISSF World Championships in Cairo on Monday while Varun Tomar took bronze. Tomar (221.7) ended behind China's Kai Hu (243.3). Samrat, Tomar and Sharvan Kumar finished on top in the team event.

India's hopes rest on Arjun and Praggnanandhaa

The duo has reached the round-of-32 in contrasting styles; Pranav, Harikrishna and Karthik will aim to put their best foot forward as sterner tests await; Keymer, Aronian and Vachier-Lagrave among the top players still in the fray

CHESS WORLD CUP

P.K. Ajith Kumar
ARPORA (GOA)

There were 206 of them. Now it is down to 32. The chess World Cup is moving towards its business end, promising plenty of action on the black-and-white squares. After a day's rest - well earned by the players, many of whom have had to go through the nerve-wracking tie-breakers - the fourth round gets underway at Resort Rio here on Tuesday.

The ones to beat: Praggnanandhaa and Arjun survived even as some of the favourites bit the dust. FIDE

Early exit

Among those 32 men isn't the top seed. D. Gukesh was ousted by Germany's Frederik Svane in the third round. So, the miserable year continues for the 19-year-old from Chennai. Not much has gone right for him after winning the World championship last year.

He isn't the only big seed to say an early goodbye to the beaches of Goa, though. Anish Giri, Wesley So, Nodirbek Abdusattorov and Shakhriyar Mamedyarov – all among the top 10 – have been knocked out.

The second and third seeds are still in the hunt, however. Arjun Erigaisi and R. Praggnanandhaa were always India's big hopes at this tournament. Their progress has been in contrasting styles, though: Praggnanandhaa has had to survive some anxious moments, but Arjun has been solid, winning his first three classical games and then drawing the fourth.

And he has to come up with his best. Arjun needs to finish inside the top three at the World Cup to entertain realistic hopes of making it to the Candidates, the event that will decide Gukesh's challenger for the next World championship.

In the fourth round, he faces the Hungarian veteran Peter Leko, while Praggnanandhaa will meet Russia's Daniil Dubov. V. Pranav, P. Harikrishna and Karthik Venkataraman are the other Indians who have advanced to the fourth round. More was expected from the likes of Vidit Gujrathi, Nihal Sarin and Aravindh Chithambaram, who lost to Karthik in the second round.

Having said that, the knockout format is unforgiving, and it isn't that surprising that so many seeds have already fallen. The remaining ones, including Vincent Keymer, Maxime Vachier-Lagrave, Richard Rapport and Levon Aronian, should know they have to be careful if they don't want to join that list.

The pairings (fourth round):
Frederik Svane (Ger) vs Shant Sargsyan (Arm); Peter Leko (Hun) vs Arjun Erigaisi; R. Praggnanandhaa vs Daniil Dubov (Rus); Matthias Bluebaum (Ger) vs Alexander Donchenko (Ger).

V. Pranav vs Nodirbek Yakubboev (Uzb); Andrey Esipenko (Rus) vs Vincent Keymer (Ger); Wei Yi (Chn) vs Parham Maghsoodloo (Ira); Alexey Sarana (Srb) vs Jose Martínez Alcantara (Mex); Nils Grandelius (Swe) vs P. Harikrishna; Samuel Sevian (USA) vs Lorenzo Lodici (Ita); Maxime Vachier-Lagrave (Fra) vs Aleksey Grebnev (Rus); Awonder Liang (USA) vs Gabriel Sargissian (Arm); Le Quang Liem (Vie) vs Karthik Venkataraman; Sam Shankland (USA) vs Richard Rapport (Hun); Levon Aronian (USA) vs Radoslaw Wojtaszek (Pol); Yu Yangyi (Chn) vs Javokhir Sindarov (Uzb).

Norris dedicates Sao Paulo win to former mentor

FORMULA ONE

Agence France-Presse
SAO PAULO

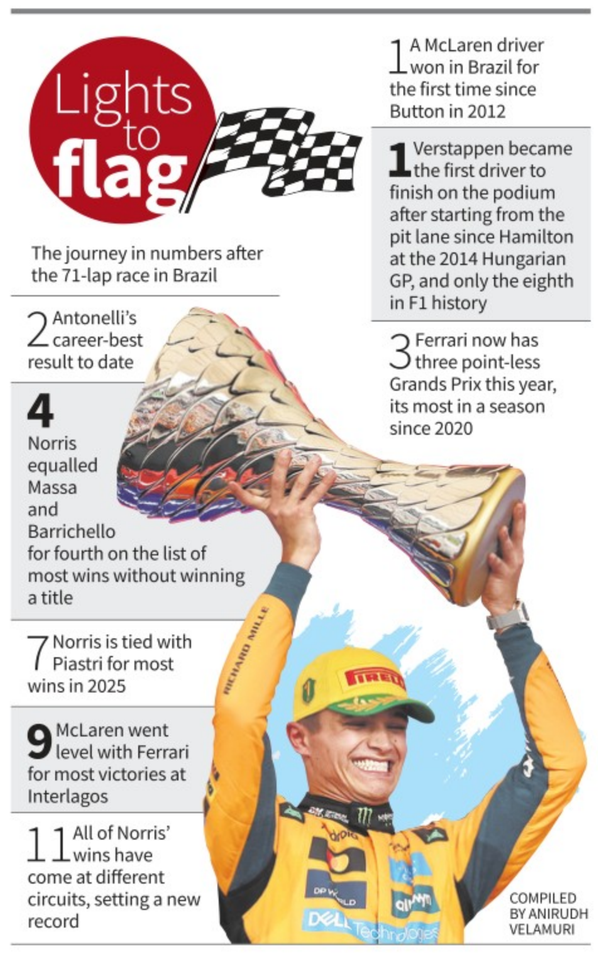
Lando Norris, who extended his lead in the drivers' World championship to 24 points ahead of McLaren teammate Oscar Piastri with Sunday's dramatic Sao Paulo Grand Prix, dedicated the win to the late Gil de Feran, a former driver who nurtured his early career.

"It's so nice to win in Brazil at this amazing track. This is for Gil....my mentor a few years ago."

It was Norris' seventh win of the season and the 11th of his career, moving him within sight of a first title with a comfortable advantage ahead of Piastri.

Though Norris took the honours, it was Red Bull's Max Verstappen who stole the show by racing from a pit-lane start to finish third.

The results:
1. Lando Norris (McLaren) 1hr 32min 01.596sec, 2. Kimi Antonelli (Mercedes) + 10.388s, 3. Max Verstappen (Red Bull) 10.750, 4. George Russell (Mercedes) 15.267, 5. Oscar Piastri (McLaren) 15.749, 6. Oliver Bearman (Haas) 29.630, 7. Liam Lawson (Racing Bulls) 52.642, 8. Isack Hadjar (Racing Bulls) 52.873, 9. Nico Hulkenberg (Sauber) 53.324, 10. Pierre Gasly (Alpine) 53.914, 11. Alex Albon (Williams) 54.184, 12. Esteban Ocon (Haas) 54.696, 13. Carlos Sainz (Williams) 55.420, 14. Fernando Alonso (Aston Martin) 55.766, 15. Franco Colapinto (Alpine) 57.777, 16. Lance Stroll (Aston Martin) 58.247, 17. Yuki Tsunoda (Red Bull) 69.176. **DNF:** Gabriel Bortoleto (Sauber), Charles Leclerc (Ferrari), Lewis Hamilton (Ferrari).
World championship standings (top five): Drivers: 1. Norris 390 points, 2. Piastri 366, 3. Verstappen 341, 4. Russell 276, 5. Leclerc 214.
Constructors: 1. McLaren 756 points (champion), 2. Mercedes 398, 3. Red Bull 366, 4. Ferrari 362, 5. Williams 111.


Lights to flag
The journey in numbers after the 71-lap race in Brazil
1 A McLaren driver won in Brazil for the first time since Button in 2012
1 Verstappen became the first driver to finish on the podium after starting from the pit lane since Hamilton at the 2014 Hungarian GP, and only the eighth in F1 history
2 Antonelli's career-best result to date
3 Ferrari now has three point-less Grands Prix this year, its most in a season since 2020
4 Norris equalled Massa and Barrichello for fourth on the list of most wins without winning a title
7 Norris is tied with Piastri for most wins in 2025
9 McLaren went level with Ferrari for most victories at Interlagos
11 All of Norris' wins have come at different circuits, setting a new record
COMPILED BY ANIRUDH VELAMURI

Flying Pole: Lewandowski scores Barcelona's second. AP

Lewandowski 'tricks, Barcelona posts win

EURO LEAGUES

Agence France-Presse
VIGO

Robert Lewandowski hit a hat-trick to help Barcelona beat Celta Vigo 4-2 on Sunday in LaLiga and cut Real Madrid's lead down to three points.

The veteran Polish striker helped Hansi Flick's side capitalise on Madrid's 0-0 draw earlier on at Rayo Vallecano.

Lamine Yamal also scored for Barca in another gripping game produced by the champion's attacking approach, and Marcus Rashford produced two more assists.

Frenkie de Jong was sent off late on for Barca for two yellow cards, but by then the champion had secured its victory.

Meanwhile, Inter Milan moved to the top of Serie A with a 2-0 home win over Lazio, sealed by goals from Lautaro Martinez early in the first half and Ange-Yoan Bonny after the interval.

The result lifted Inter to the summit, level on 24 points with second-placed AS Roma, which secured a 2-0 home victory over Udinese earlier.

Top results: LaLiga: Valencia 1 (Rioja 82) drew with Real Betis 1 (Cucho 74); Mallorca 1 (Muriqi 14) bt Getafe 0; Celta Vigo 2 (Carreira 11, Iglesias 43) lost to Barcelona 4 (Lewandowski 10-pen, 37, 73, Yamal 45+4).
Serie A: Roma 2 (Pellegrini 42-pen, Celik 61) bt Udinese 0; Inter Milan 2 (Martinez 3, Bonny 61) bt Lazio 0.
Bundesliga: Eintracht Frankfurt 1 (Doan 80) bt Mainz 0; Stuttgart 3 (Mittelstaedt 18-pen, Undav 39, 80) bt Augsburg 2 (Rieder 8, Massengo 26).

Prospective investors shy away from ISL bid due to unsatisfactory representation

FOOTBALL

Amitabha Das Sharma
KOLKATA

Investors interested in becoming the Indian Super League's commercial partner shied away for a lack of representation in the league's governing council, according to feedback received by KPMG, the firm managing the bidding process.

It is learnt that there were five companies or conglomerates that showed interest and put up scores of queries to the All India Football Federation (AIFF) to understand the bidding process.

The commercial partner, if and when selected, would be associated with the league for 15 years.

But none of them – including Football Sports Development Limited (FSDL), which ran the league between 2014 and 2025 – eventually placed a bid, with the window slamming shut at 5 p.m. on Friday.

One slot

Sources indicate that the commercial partner is offered just one slot of the six in ISL's governing council – a weightage of approximately 17%, one that did not sit well with potential investors.

The composition of the council was done in accordance with the new AIFF constitution approved by the Supreme Court.

In light of this development, AIFF's Bid Evaluation Committee, led by (Retd.) Justice L. Nageswara Rao, met on Sunday, with the final report set to be submitted to the apex court as the next step.

Blasters suspend operations temporarily

Neeladri Bhattacharjee
CHENNAI

Amid uncertainty around the Indian Super League (ISL), Kerala Blasters (KBFC) became the third top-flight club - after Odisha FC and Mohun Bagan Super Giant – to temporarily suspend operations, following its exit from the Super Cup.

"We were expecting it (clarity on the ISL) to happen earlier this month, as per the timelines. But I know it's a very pivotal point in the history of the Indian football ecosystem," Abhik Chatterjee, KBFC's CEO, told the *The Hindu*.

"There's a lot that needs to be considered before making decisions. But equally, if you understand from a club standpoint, we are staring into an abyss with no information, which is not good."

Staring into abyss: The lack of clarity on ISL has forced the club to pause on its operations for the second time. KBFC MEDIA

KBFC had initially planned its pre-season on July 7, but the lack of clarity on ISL put a pause on the preparations. The AIFF then convinced the club to enter the Super Cup, so that by the time the tournament was over, a solution to the ISL deadlock would have been found.

Accordingly, KBFC began the pre-season nearly three weeks before the Super Cup, on October 7.

However, the situation has not gotten better, since the tender for a new commercial partner for ISL has found no bidders, leading to KBFC hitting the pause button yet again.

"It puts a lot of stress on the owners, obviously, the players, and the staff, because there are specialised staff whose livelihood depends on football," Abhik added. "But I would like to remain an optimist and hope that the sooner we have clarity, the better."

Fritz breezes past Musetti; Zverev downs Shelton

Racing away: Fritz was out of the blocks quickly. AP

ATP FINALS

Agence France-Presse
TURIN

Taylor Fritz got his bid for a first ATP Finals crown off to the best possible start with a comprehensive 6-3, 6-4 win over home favourite Lorenzo Musetti in the Jimmy Connors Group here on Monday.

The 28-year-old American, who lost in last year's final to Jannik Sinner, was out of the blocks quickly, taking an early break and holding on to pocket the first set. The crowd did its best to lift a visibly fatigued Musetti who was a late addition to the line-up.

He only qualified for the Finals on Saturday after Novak Djokovic pulled out with injury, shortly after beating the Italian in the final of the Athens event.

Winning 84% of his first serves and giving away just four break point chances, none of which were taken, Fritz continued to control the match.

The American broke to go 3-1 up and served cleanly all the way to the line.

He joins Carlos Alcaraz at the top of the group.

Former champion Alexander Zverev scored a 6-3, 7-6(6) win over Ben Shelton on Sunday in the first match of the Bjorn Borg Group.

In a meeting between two of the biggest servers in the sport, Zverev broke the American fifth seed twice in the opener to edge ahead after less than half-an-hour on court.

INBRIEF

Fourth T20I between NZ and WI abandoned

The fourth T20I between New Zealand and West Indies was abandoned because of rain at Nelson on Monday after less than seven overs of play. New Zealand is 2-1 up in the series with the fifth and final match for Thursday.

The scores: West Indies 38/1 in 6.3 overs vs New Zealand; **Toss:** New Zealand. No Result.

Chotrani loses to Cardenas in St. James squash final

India's Veer Chotrani suffered a 13-11, 4-11, 11-4, 11-3 loss to Mexican top seed Leonel Cardenas in the final of the St. James Expression Open, a PSA Copper event, in Springfield, USA.

Indian teams make the final of Asian archery c'ships

Indian men's recurve and women's compound teams reached respective title clashes at the Asian archery championships in Dhaka on Monday. India will meet Korea in both the finals.

The results: Recurve: Team:
Men: India (Yashdeep Bhoge, Atanu Das, Rahul) bt Turkmenistan 6-2 (1st round), bt Malaysia 6-0 (quarterfinal), bt Kazakhstan 5-3 (semifinal).
Compound: Team: Women: India (Deepshikha, V. Jyothi Surekha, Prithika Pradeep) bt Vietnam 235-225 (quarterfinal), bt Bangladesh 234-227 (semifinal).

Manu and Esha miss out on 10m air pistol medal

Manu Bhaker and Esha Singh suffered a meltdown in the women's 10m air pistol final as both could not win a medal in the ISSF World championships in Cairo on Monday. Manu had things going her way in the final before an 8.8 on the 14th shot saw her take a mighty tumble from the top spot to seventh as she finished with 139.5. Esha, too, faltered with an 8.4 on the 14th shot, after a 10.7, to finish sixth in the eight-shooter final. China's Yao Qianxun shot 243.0 for gold. India won the team silver with Esha (583), Manu (580) and Suruchi Inder Singh (577) aggregating 1740.

Karnataka women storm into the final, meet Andhra

Karnataka defeated Baroda in the semifinal of the BCCI under-19 women's T20 trophy at Kolkata. Karnataka will face Andhra in the final on Wednesday.

The scores (semifinals): Karnataka 117/6 in 20 overs (Shreya Chavan 58) bt Baroda 69 in 19.2 overs.

LIVE TELECAST

Ranji Trophy: JioHotstar, 9.30 a.m.
Bangladesh vs Ireland: 1st Test, day 1, FanCode, 9.30 a.m.
Chess: World Cup, FIDE YouTube channel, 3 p.m.

Skipper Agarwal drives Karnataka after team gains slender lead

Saxena's brave knock in vain as Maharashtra falls behind; Mohsin's catch and a brilliant effort in the field turn the tide in favour of the visiting team

RANJI TROPHY

Amol Karhadkar
PUNE

The third day of a Ranji Trophy league game often drifts toward dull attrition, but Monday's play at the Maharashtra Cricket Association Stadium was anything but ordinary. With both Maharashtra and Karnataka desperate for six points, the penultimate day of this Group B clash turned into a gripping battle – and set up a tantalising finale.

The day saw Maharashtra's lower-order nearly wipe out Karnataka's first-innings advantage before two flashes of brilliance in the field handed the visitors a slender 13-run lead. By stumps, Karnataka was 144 for five, leading by 157 runs, with skipper Mayank Agarwal (64 batting, 145b, 6x4) once again holding fort in search of a lifeline for his team. Resuming 113 runs behind Karnataka's 313, Maharashtra's overnight pair Jalaj Saxena and Vicky Ostwal started brightly. Saxena punished anything loose, and the duo added vital runs before Vidwath Kaverappa finally found the edge as Ostwal nicked to the slips. Saxena, unflappable till then, perished for a fluent 76 when he overreached for a cover-drive and popped a catch to Mohsin Khan at covers – a superb diving effort that turned the tide.

On target: Abhinav's throw found Ghosh short of his crease. EMMANUAL YOGINI

Mohsin, with the ball, soon accounted for Rajneesh Gurbani, as Karun Nair pocketed a simple catch in the slips. Ramakrishna Ghosh counterattacked, but his adventurous running cost Maharashtra dearly. In a bid to retain strike, he pushed for a risky second run, only for Abhinav Manohar to swoop in from sweeper-cover and hit the stumps directly – leaving Ghosh well short of his crease in the first over of the 30-minute morning session extension.

In Karnataka's second innings, Maharashtra's bowling pair of Mukesh Choudhary and Jalaj Saxena continued their relentless rhythm. Choudhary's delivery that sent K.L. Shrijith's off-stump cartwheeling was a standout moment, while Saxena's late strike – removing night-watcher Abhilash Shetty with just two balls left – ensured Maharashtra ended the day with the momentum.

With Karnataka's lead only 157 and five wickets remaining, the final day promises a tight finish – one where every run, and every spell, will count.

The scores: Karnataka – 1st innings: 313
Maharashtra – 1st innings: Prithvi Shaw c Aneesh b Mohsin 71, Arshin Kulkarni st Shrijith b Shreyas 34, Siddhesh Veer st Shrijith b Shreyas 0, Ankeet Bawane b Shreyas 6, Sachin Dhas lbw b Mohsin 21, Saurabh Nawale 26, Jalaj Saxena c Mohsin b Kaverappa 72, Vicky Ostwal c Smaran b Kaverappa 20, Ramakrishna Ghosh run out 36, Rajneesh Gurbani c Karun b Mohsin 1, Mukesh Choudhary (not out) 0; Extras (b-6, lb-5, nb-1, w-1): 13; Total (in 99.2 overs): 300.
Fall of wickets: 1-98, 2-100, 3-112, 4-114, 5-139, 6-183, 7-256, 8-282, 9-292.
Karnataka bowling: Kaverappa 18-0-74-2, Abhilash 7-0-35-0, Shreyas 35-5-70-4, Venkatesh 8-1-46-0, Mohsin 31.2-4-64-3.
Karnataka – 2nd innings: Aneesh K.V. c Arshin b Ostwal 17, Mayank Agarwal (batting) 64, K.L. Shrijith b Choudhary 29, Karun Nair c Ghosh b Choudhary 15, R. Smaran lbw b Choudhary 4, Abhilash Shetty lbw b Saxena 4; Extras (b-9, lb-1, w-1): 11; Total (for five wkts. in 49.4 overs): 144.
Fall of wickets: 1-50, 2-98, 3-131, 4-135, 5-144.
Maharashtra bowling: Choudhary 18-2-70-3, Ghosh 6-1-10-0, Saxena 16.4-1-36-1, Ostwal 9-5-18-1.

RANJI SCORES - ROUND 4 (DAY THREE)

Elite: Group A: At Kanpur: Uttar Pradesh 535/6 decl bt Nagaland 117 in 45.3 overs (D. Nischal 47, Shivam Mavi 5/18) & 153 in 51.1 overs (f/o) (Chetan Bist 53, Shivam Sharma 5/25). **Points: UP 7 (14); Nagaland 0 (1).**

Visakhapatnam: Tamil Nadu 182 & 195 in 70.3 overs (B. Sachin 51, Saurabh Kumar 4/46) lost to Andhra 177 & 201/6 in 41.2 overs (Abhishek Reddy 70, Karan Shinde 51). **TN 0 (4); Andhra 6 (15).**

Nagpur: Vidarbha 286 & 218/2 decl in 59 overs (Aman Mokhade 101 n.o., Dhruv Shorey 101) vs Odisha 160 in 73.3 overs (Subhransu Senapati 41, Gaurav Farde 4/28) & 44 for no loss in 12 overs.

Vadodara: Jharkhand 506 & 10/1 in 8 overs vs Baroda 291 in 103.2 overs (Shashwat Rawat 106, Vishnu Solanki 65, Mitesh Patel 61, Sahil Raj 4/63, Rishav Raj 4/70).

Group B: Pune: Karnataka 313 & 144/5 in 49.4 overs (Mayank Agarwal 64 batting) vs Maharashtra 300 in 99.2 overs (Prithvi Shaw 71, Jalaj Saxena 72, Shreyas Gopal 4/70).

Porvorim: Goa 284 & 230 in 65.4 overs (Abhinav Tejrana 69, Lalit Yadav 42, Rajasekhar Harikant 40, Kumar Kartikeya 5/81) vs Madhya Pradesh 187 in 76 overs (Rishabh Chouhan 43, Saransh Jain 48, V. Koushik 5/34) & 21/1 in 10 overs.

Chandigarh: Chandigarh 173 & 195 in 68.5 overs (Ayush Goyal 4/48) lost to Punjab 142 & 227/2 in 66.4 overs (Uday Saharan 117 n.o., Jashanpreet Singh 57 n.o.). **Chandigarh 0 (1); Punjab 6 (11).**

Thiruvananthapuram: Saurashtra 160 & 351/5 in 90 overs (Arpit Vasavada 74, Chirag Jani 152, Prerak Mankad 52 batting) vs Kerala 233.

Group C: Surat: Bengal 474 vs Railways 222 in 86.3 overs (Bhargav Merai 91, Upendra Yadav 70, Suraj Sindhu Jaiswal 4/35) & 90/5 in 39 overs (f/o).

Lahli: Haryana 112 & 148 in 60.4 overs (Dheeru Singh 70, J. Suchith 6/56) lost to Uttarakhand 288. **Haryana 0 (18); Uttarakhand 7 (16).**

Nadiad: Services 248 & 125 in 37.3 overs (Mohit Ahlawat 56, Siddharth Desai 4/44, Vishal Jayswal 6/59) lost to Gujarat 256 in 85.4 overs (Abhishek Desai 44, Kshitij Patel 56, Urvil Patel 48, Pulkit Narang 5/77, Amit Shukla 4/84) & 118/4 in 21.2 overs (Amit Shukla 4/75). **Services 0 (13); Gujarat 6 (9).**

Agartala: Tripura 602/7 decl. vs Assam 238 in 77.3 overs (Sibsankar Roy 84 n.o.) & 78/3 in 29 overs (f/o).

Group D: Delhi: Delhi 211 & 277 in 69.1 overs (Arpit Rana 43, Ayush Badoni 72, Ayush Doseja 62, Vanshaj Sharma 6/68) vs Jammu & Kashmir 310 & 55/2 in 15 overs.

Hyderabad: Hyderabad 364 & 198/7 in 62 overs (Rahul Singh Gahlaut 59, K. Himateja 41) vs Rajasthan 269 in 94.4 overs (Sachin Yadav 43, Kunal Singh Rathore 83, Ajay Kookna 58).

Raipur: Chhattisgarh 377 & 4/0 in 0.1 overs bt Pondicherry 205 in 60.3 overs (Paras Ratnaparkhe 52) & 175 in 51.1 overs (f/o) (Jayant Yadav 46, Aditya Sarvate 4/27). Chhattisgarh 7 (11); Pondicherry 0 (5).

Mumbai: Mumbai 446 bt Himachal Pradesh 187 in 65.5 overs (Nikhil Gangta 64 n.o., Vaibhav Arora 51) & 139 in 49.1 overs (f/o) (Pukhraj Mann 65, Shams Mulani 5/37). **Mumbai 7 (17); HP 0(4).**

Plate: At Rangpo: Bihar 265 & 148/3 in 50 overs (Mangal Mahrour 59, Sraman Nigrodh 45) vs Sikkim 429 in 143.5 overs (Robin Limboo 91, Gurinder Singh 68, Kranthi Kumar 137, Suraj Kashyap 4/142).

Anand: Manipur 400 vs Mizoram 143 in 51.4 overs (Lalhruaizela 42 n.o.) & 243/8 in 67 overs (f/o) (Armaan Jaffer 81, Joseph Lalthankhuma 69, Kishan Singha 4/74).

Surat: Meghalaya 628/6 decl. bt Arunachal Pradesh 73 & 109 in 42.4 overs (f/o). **Meghalaya 7 (12); Arunachal Pradesh 0 (0).**

Prannoy, Lakshya hope for a turnaround in Japan Super 500

BADMINTON

Press Trust of India
KUMAMOTO (JAPAN)

H.S. Prannoy and Lakshya Sen will look to rediscover their touch, while the emerging crop will aim to turn promise into performance at the $475,000 Kumamoto Masters Japan Super 500 tournament beginning here on Tuesday.

Up and about: Prannoy will be back in action after more than a month's layoff. FILE PHOTO: SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

Rediscovering touch

Lakshya, who endured a lean patch before rediscovering his touch with a runner-up finish at the Hong Kong Open followed by quarterfinal appearances at the Denmark and Hylo Open, will be keen to build on that momentum.

Seeded seventh, the 24-year-old faces a tricky opening-round opponent in Japan's Koki Watanabe.

Prannoy one of the most consistent performers in recent years, will look to regain his form as he returns from injury. Back in action after more than a month's layoff, he will open against Malaysia's Jun Hao Leong.

Tough challenge

Ayush Shetty will face top seed Kunlavut Vitidsarn of Thailand in the first round.

Tharun Mannepalli takes on Korea's Jeon Hyeok Jin, while Kiran George, who upset France's Toma Junior Popov on his way to the Hylo Open quarterfinals, will meet a qualifier.

In mixed doubles, Rohan Kapoor and Ruthvika Shivani Gadde will face the American pair of Presley Smith and Jennie Gai.

There are no Indian entries in other categories.

SNAPSHOTS

India drawn with Japan, Australia and Taiwan in u-20 Women's Asian Cup Finals

NEW DELHI: India has been drawn with Japan, Australia and Taiwan in Group C of the AFC under-20 Women's Asian Cup Finals in Thailand next year. The draw ceremony was held in Bangkok. The top two sides from each of the three groups, along with the two best third-placed teams, will progress to the quarterfinals. The four semifinalists will qualify for the 2026 FIFA u-20 Women's World Cup in Poland.

The draw: Group A: Thailand, China, Vietnam, Bangladesh; **B:** North Korea, South Korea, Uzbekistan, Jordan; **C:** Japan, Australia, Taiwan, India.

Jyoti to lead India

NEW DELHI: Jyoti Singh will continue to lead the Indian team as Hockey India named a 20-member squad for the upcoming FIH Women's Junior World Cup, scheduled to be held in Santiago, Chile, from November 25 to December 13.

India, placed in Pool C, will open against Namibia (Dec. 1), followed by Germany (Dec. 3) and Ireland (Dec. 5).

The squad: **Goalkeepers**: Nidhi, Engil Harsha, Rani Minz; **Defenders**: Manisha, Lalthanlualangi, Sakshi Shukla, Puja Sahoo, Nandini; **Midfielders**: Sakshi Rana, Ishika, Sunelita Toppo, Jyoti Singh, Khaidem Shileima Chanu, Binima Dhan; **Forwards**: Sonam, Purnima Yadav, Kanika Siwach, Hina Bano, Sukhveer Kaur; Alternate players: Priyanka Yadav, Parwati Topno.

Narrow win for Sporting Club Bengaluru

BENGALURU: Sporting Club Bengaluru edged out United Stars FC 4-3 in the KSFA Super Division football league here on Monday.

The results: Sporting Club Bengaluru 4 (A. Narayanana 3, 80, 82, Arnav Raghavan 44) bt United Stars 3 (R. Vishal 20, 47, Emmanual Adolf 67); Kickstart FC 1 (Borish Singh 19) bt South United 0; Kodagu FC 3 (Lalkrawsmaiwai 9, 53, T. James 42) bt Agniputhra FC 2 (C. Cleetus 11, 71).

Kendall jumps to glory

Neil Kendall won the 120-130 cm category of the FEI Jumping World Challenge 2025 hosted by Embassy International Riding School here.

The results (winners):
120-130cm: Neil Kendall (Hach Du Faubourg, Surge Stables);
110-120cm: Balaji Vijayashankar (Kylano, Surge Stables)
100-110cm: Neil Kendall (Sandra Blue, Surge Stables)

Overall winners (South Zone):
120-130cm: Neil Kendall (Hach Du Faubourg, Surge Stables);
110-120cm: Barath Manoharan (Hendrix, ECE); **100-110cm:** Aradhana Anand.

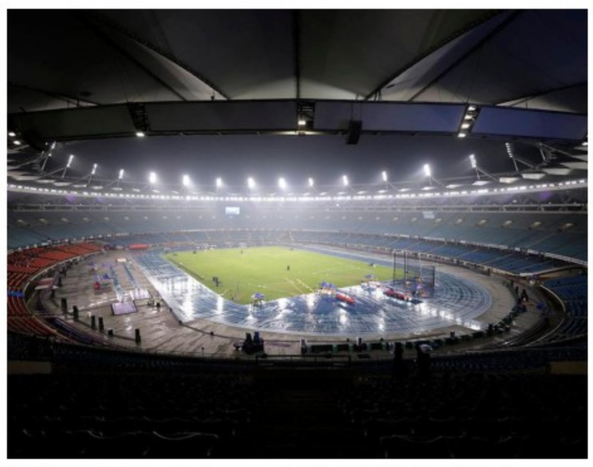
Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium proposed to make way for Sports City in the national capital

Uthra Ganesan
NEW DELHI

The iconic Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in the heart of the national capital is set to make way for a world-class Sports City complete with infrastructure and residential facilities if a Sports Ministry proposal gets through.

Although the proposal is still in the planning stage with details yet to be worked out, ministry sources said the huge 102-acre complex will be completely 'dismantled' and rebuilt for optimum usage of space.

"Right now, less than 30% of the total area is being utilised. The proposal envisions creating a self-sufficient Global Sports City on the lines of the Dubai Sports City, facilities in Australia and similar projects which we are studying," sources explained.



Iconic venue: The stadium was built in 1982 for the Asian Games and upgraded in 2010. FILE PHOTO

The rebuilt project will have hosting and training facilities for all major sports, residential blocks, entertainment avenues and sports clubs. "Like Aerocity in Delhi which has everything necessary for a business environment, this will cater to sports needs. All offices inside the stadium will be relocated as and when the project gets off the ground," sources added.

The newly-laid Mondo tracks at the venue might be shifted to another facility elsewhere in the country.

The stadium, built in 1982 for the Asian Games and upgraded in 2010, currently houses several organisations, including headquarters of the Sports Authority of India, which also owns it, the government's flagship Khelo India project office, the National Anti Doping Agency, the National Dope Testing Laboratory and the Income Tax department.

Recruitment drive

Meanwhile, the Sports Ministry has also begun its largest-ever recruitment process for assistant coaches with the SAI and the first major drive since 2017 with 320 appointments in the first phase.

"These vacancies will be filled in across 25 disciplines and we are planning to have the same number of appointments later in phase two. The selection process will be transparent with 50% for women for gender inclusivity," Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said here on Monday.

Focus

The recruitment process has been prepared with Olympic and Asian Games medals in mind. "Assistant coaches' cadre is very important to strengthen the sports development framework of the country and to provide structured and high quality coaching support to athletes," Mandaviya added.